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# A new recruit for Mr Redwood

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JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

John Major was placed once again on the rack over Europe vesterday, as the Paymaster General, David Heathcoat-Amory, resigned to campaign ainst the single currency from within the Euro-sceptic camp led by John Redwood.

Telling John Major bluntly that the Government's European policy "is not working". Mr Heathcoat-Amory gave up his post at the Treasury as number four to the pro-European Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

Mr Heathcoat-Amory will launch a pamphlet this morning starkly entitled A Single European Currency: Why the UK Must Say No. and published by the Bruges Group, headed by Baroness Thatcher. One Redwood supporter commented: "It sounds to me like a very Redwoodian document."

In his letter to Mr Major yesterday, he said: "I am leaving because I can no longer support the Government's policy towards the EU. At the Foreign Office and more recently at the Treasury I have dealt with the EU at first hand.

"I have supported a policy of attempting to reform it and building a relationship which protects British interests and prevents unwarranted interference in our affairs. This policy is not working."

Mr Major's tone in his reply was conciliatory, describing the decision only as "a mistake". But the loyalist former Cabinet minister, David Mellor, was venomous on the Prime Minister's behalf, saying the resignation showed a "decadence and an obliviousness" to the imminence of a general election.

And a serving Cabinet minister told the Independent: They must be out of their tiny Chinese minds if they think they can reopen the issue of a single currency after the White Paper. In March, the Government set out its position of keeping the option open, in a White Paper called A Partnership of Nations. The minister added: "It's a party with a death wish."

But Mr Heathcoat-Amory's resignation gives a boost to the insistent demands from Tories both inside and outside the Government that Mr Major rule out a single European currency at the next election - not to mention the leadership ambitions of John Redwood, campaigning on precisely this platform.

Only last week, Mr Major pleaded with Tory MPs to pull together during the long campaign, already well under way. Euro-sceptics could hardly conceal their glee at this public re-buff. Bill Cash said Mr Heathcoat-Amory had "the best all-round credentials at Minister of State level" to judge the importance of the looming single currency issue. Redwood supporter Sir



David Heathcoat-Amory: An attack on monetary policy

George Gardiner told the Independent he welcomed the resignation. John Major en-joined us to do everything we could to win the next election, and that's what we're doing," he

Privately, the Euro-sceptics welcomed Mr Heathcoat-Amory as a recruiting sergeant, and thought he might embolden other doubters to consider their position. At least one ministerial aide said he intended to resign before the

The Government attempted to deflect Euro-sceptic pressure yesterday by publishing details of its proposals to reform the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and to end the practice of quota-hopping by the Spanish fishing fleet.

Malcohn Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said changes to the ECJ - a key demand of Eurosceptics led by Mr Redwood -were needed to improve the workings of the court and to address concerns about the effects of some of its judgments". He published a memorandum calling for time limits, a limit to

#### The Redwood stage

 Key lieutenants: Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, lain Duncan Smith, one of the brightest of the 1992 intake; David Evans, the populist member of the 1922 Committee executive; John

Townend, leader of the '92 Group, the main right-wing Tory faction Other former ministers

include Jonathan Aitken, Dame Angela Rumbold and Charles Wardle, who resigned over his fears that the EU could effectively control British immigration

 Fifth columnists in the Government: Peter Lilley, Michael Howard and Michael Portillo in the Cabinet all have leadership ambitions of their own, but share the Redwood



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retrospective judgments and an appeals procedure. But these were dismissed out of hand by a spokesman for Mr Redwood, who described them as "thin gruel, a superficial response to a profound problem". He added: "The only appeals procedure should be

from the ECJ to the High Court of Parliament." Meanwhile the Government attempted a soothing damage-limitation exercise, with sources close to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, denying that he was the only obstacle to the Government now closing the option of joining a single Eu-

ropean currency in the first Treasury sources claimed that Germany and France might still postpone the launch of the single currency from 1999 for a year or two, and that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Sec-retary - as well as Mr Clarke and the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine - were strongly committed to keeping

the option open. They also denied weekend reports that the Chancellor had offered Mr Heathcoat-Amory a promotion to avert his resignation, but they confirmed that Mr Clarke had suggested he could "see more papers and come to more meetings".

## Wednesday's men plan secret coup

Redwood

Mr Heathcoat-Amory's resignation strengthens the hand of a shadowy group of Conserva-mediately after a May 1997 a shadowy group of Conserva-tive MPs who meet on Wednesdays to plot the replacement of John Major by John Redwood after the next election, writes

John Rentoul. The group, which meets by invitation only, and supposedly to monitor the Governi European policy, is reliably said to be making secret plans for a Redwood leadership attempt after the expected general election defeat. Regular atten-ders are said to include Norman Lamont, the former Chanceller, and leading Euro-sceptics Bill Cash, Sir Teddy Taylor and

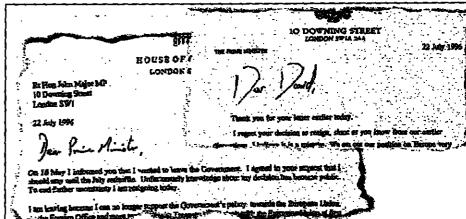
Christopher Gill. The group's existence sug-gests that Mr Redwood is still the front-runner on the right. Many Tory MPs feeling he has eclipsed Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence. But other Euro-sceptics are actively plotting on behalf of the Home Secretary, Michael

Howard With less than a year to go general election, the tempo of

covert campaigning has risen. Mr Redwood, who won 89 votes in his challenge to Mr Major last year, has been freer than any of the Cabinet contenders to campaign for the post, with an operation resembling a separate political party, with its own beadquarters at the Conservative 2000 Foundation, the think- tank set up by his adviser

Hywel Williams. On Satuday Mr Redwood starts a 10-day tour of the United States, making a series of television programmes to be shown by GMTV on Sunday mornings during August. He is expected to be feted by the right-wing National Centre for Policy Analysis as Margaret Thatcher's rightful heir. The wealthy centre, which promot-ed Newt Gingrich's new right agenda in the 1994 US mid-term elections, has also provided Baroness Thatcher with

keeping force. calls a ceasefire. Herbal remedies a platform in America. A group of senior doctors has



#### QUICKLY

Burundi refusal The prime minister of Burundi, where a massacre of 300 Tutsis on Sunday shocked the world, is opposing moves to form an international peace-

Major meets loyalists John Major met two loyalist politicians with terrorist convictions last night in a clear sig-nal to Sinn Fein that it will be brought into talks if the IRA Page 2

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## 3,300 embryos like this will have to perish. Massacre or common sense?

#### GLENDA COOPER

The age-old question of what constitutes human life faces a critical test next week when 3,300 embryos frozen for couples undergoing fertility treat-ment are destroyed on government orders.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryological Authority (HFEA) says that under present law, frozen embryos - consisting of four or eight cells - must be allowed to perish after five years unless the parents consent to further storage. The problem is that the 900 parents of these embryos have been untraceable

or refused to reply. The Vatican and pro-life organisations called the move pre-natal massacre" and a "discarding of ... abandoned human beings". The HFEA said it was preferable to allowing people to "adopt" such em-bryos, which would be ethically and legally wrong. Five British couples want to "adopt" an embryo, according to the na-

tional pro-life charity Life. Embryo freezing began in 1983, because in-vitro fertilisa-

tion usually produces more embryos than can be put back into the womb. It is estimated around 60,000 embryos are in storage, of which 9,000 were frozen before August 1991. "The fundamental question

is how these embryos are to be regarded," said Ian Kennedy, professor of medical law and ethics at King's College, London. "Are they regarded as pieces of property or potential people? And does the embryo belong to someone if they are potential people?"

Pro-life campaigners say life begins at the moment of conception, so destroying an embryo destroys a human. Their opponents say a day-old embryo cannot be considered a person, and storing embryos for years or allowing others to implant them without parental consent is far more reprehensible.

It was the first time the

A frozen embryo; At what stage is it a human life?

more than 3,000 embryos, a third of those that fall into the five-vear limit, were due to perish because clinics had failed to trace 650 couples and 260 couples had refused to reply to registered letters.
The regulations now allow

many patients to extend their consent to 10 years or more." said Ruth Deech, HFEA chairperson. "But if that consent cannot be obtained the storage has to cease, which means, sadly, al- day on, each year, tens of thou- it is the potential that has HFEA had confirmed that lowing a number of embryos to sands of embryos will be

the other options, of using them without the consent of individuals, or of keeping them stored indefinitely, these options are far less acceptable."

The embryos, no bigger than a pinhead, will be thawed out and a drop of water or alcohol added to destroy them. They will then be incinerated. A Life spokesman said the practice trivialised human life by simply throwing away spares".

The code of practice requires that embryos created by in-vitro fertilisation should be 'allowed to perish' ... in a respectful and 'sensitive' way. But what is respectful and sensitive about throwing these tiny human beings into incinerators along with dirty swabs and bits and pieces from operating theatres? They are not things.

They are human beines." Yesterday L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, said: "This means that from to-

destroyed, tens of thousands of innocent lives will be cut short by law. This is a pre-natal massacre, a massacre not only tol-erated but programmed and ordered by the same civil legislatures transformed ... into an instrument of perverse logic of

violence and death."

But Richard Nicholson, editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, said that embryos could not be considered in the same way as a child after birth: "There is an incremental growth in human rights, not a fixed quantum deposited at the moment of conception which never changes."

And Susan Rice, chief executive of Issue, the National Fertility Association, said: "There was always going to be a time when a decision would have to be made about what to do with them. These embryos are not children; they are a coupie's potential to have chil-dren. When they are destroyed

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outgoing postmaster-general. David Heathcoat-Amory, has achieved relatively high office despite his almost crippling so-cial disadvantages. Son of a Chancellor of the Exchequer. owner of vast estates in Scotland, educated at Eton and Balliol, he could easily have ended up - as have so many of what is called the "overclass" - hankrupt and penniless, swigging meths in a Swindon squat, or

doing time for fraud. But Mr H-A has battled through to achieve that rarest of feats - the distinction of havgovernment on a point of prin-



DAVID AARONOVITCH

ciple. Not that he was in the Chamber yesterday. For a start he was, of course, too busy resigning. This involves exchanges of letters with the Prime Minister (pledging eternal support ing resigned from John Major's on everything except what really matters), having endless clear-

Colonels or publicans) and being described as "decadent" by David Mellor - who knows whereof he speaks.

Anyway real politics rarely make much of an appearance in the House. In this case, as in others, there was no resignation statement for MPs to listen to, and nothing of substance for them to debate. So they had to improvise, attempting to draw the discussion of completely different matters round to what they knew was the really important business of the day. in some sessions (such as, say, overseas aid) this is quite diffi-

es even the most flexible imagination.

Deputy Prime Minister it is sponsible for everything. Mr
Major made him responsible for everything to control to con terribly easy. That is because Mr everything to compensate him for failing to gain the leadership. But something has gone wrong. As one listens to Hezza tackle questions on small business, privatisation, competitiveness, information technology and above all - "policy co-ordination", one becomes increasingly aware that in this case, more

known that - when the Red Revolution comes - he does not But in Questions to the wish to be put within a million versts of "policy co-ordination".

But even if he is doing nothhis hair and eyebrows a deep gold. The latter, increasingly Healeyesque, resemble the wings on a golden eagle. One day soon - mid-peroration they will propel Mr Heseltine skywards, from where he will smile down upon us.

But, back to Europhobe Teddy Taylor. Speaking in his tire-

the-air chats with constituency cult to do. Getting from the Suactivists (invariably Lieutenant dan to the single currency taxJohn Prescott is letting it be anger voice, he asked about "the tragic resignation of a very sincere and able minister". Just how deep a tragedy this was for Eurosceptics could be gleaned from their broad grins and an-

imated, excited conversations. Riding to Mr Heseltine's aid came the insubstantial figure of Robert Spink. I have always thought that Spink was too small a name to cover a whole human being; a quick gob and its gone. What Mr Spink wanted to know was this: would Mr Heseltine ensure that good news was disseminated to the country this summer? Now that did make Mr Prescott laugh.

#### one or both of their parents, who also died, it emerged last night. The Asian family of five, including a five-month-old baby, were found dead in a downstairs room at their home in Southampton, Hampshire, just after midnight yesterday. Police are understood to have recovered a drugs "cocktail" and a syringe close to the

bodies. There was no sign of forced entry or violence and the gas was not leaking. Post-mortem examinations revealed poison in all five bodies The dead family was named as Mahendra Karia, 42, his wife Mayuri, 39, and daughters Chandni, four, Shrina, two and Bijal, five months. The family were said to be devout Hindus and there was speculation that the deaths may have been connected to the Hindu practice of escaping family shame by taking their own lives. Jason Bennetto

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Dolice believe three young girls were poisoned by

The Ministry of Defence is investigating how two women peace protesters managed to board a nuclearpowered submarine while it was berthed in a top-secret Royal Navy base. The women used scuba gear and the cover of darkness to enter the Clyde submarine base. home of Britain's Trident nuclear deterrent, early vesterday.

Once inside, the pair crept up the gangplank of HMS Sceptre, a Swiftsure Class hunter-killer submarine. Friends claimed they even had time to make a phone call from the submarine before they were finally arrested by naval personnel and handed over to MoD police. They were charged under local by-laws and with committing a breach of the peace.

The parents of Caroline Dickinson yesterday said their lives had changed forever with her murder at a youth hostel in Brittany. In a statement made through the Rev Tim Newcombe, Vicar of Launceston, John and Sue Dickinson said: "We have lost a quiet, loving and gifted daughter. Caroline's death has robbed us however, not only of a daughter, but of someone who had already become our very best friend.

"Caroline had so much to look forward to and so many plans for the future which we were doing all we could to help her fulfil. Though the circumstances



loving and gifted daughter

in which Caroline died are a revelation of real evil. the care, love and support we have received from everyone in Launceston and far away is a great help which we really value. We are very grateful to headmaster Alan Wroath and the staff and pupils at Launceston College, to the British Embassy, the French police and the people of Pleine Fougeres for all they have done for us."

Builying and even racism within families is a constant blight on the lives of many ethnic minority children, an analysis of calls to the charity ChildLine has revealed. Many callers to the helpline said bullying had been a feature of their entire school life, while mixed-race children facing prejudice within the family were possibly "the most unhappy we hear from", said Mary MacLeod, the organisation's research director.

The report paints a depressing picture of the problems suffered by some young people. A 12-year-old whose father died two years ago, told the helpline: "I am black and my mum is white. She has a new boyfriend who is completely racist. He is nice to me when my mum or friends are there but is horrible when we are alone. He

The Government last night fought off, by just 14 votes, a last-ditch Lords bid to give refugees three days' grace to claim asylum before losing their right to welfare benefits. Voting was 182 to 168, rejecting a move whose backers included the Labour peers' deputy leader, Lord McIntosh of Haringey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Runcie, the ex-Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, and the former Labour minister and ex-SDP founder, Baroness Williams of Crosby (Lib Dem).

The vote upholds last week's Commons decision restoring ministers' original plans which require asylum seekers to state their aim upon entry to the country.

Home Secretary Michael Howard's controversial Asylum and Immigration Bill, aimed at curbing bogus asylumseekers, now goes for Royal Assent.

Britain will join France and Germany in setting up a new armaments co-operation agency, the Government announced yesterday. The three countries will also work together to develop a new armoured troop-carrier to

enter service in 2007. The British army needs about 2,000 of the new Multi-Role Armoured Vehicles to replace the ageing FV-430 series of tracked vehicles, known, derisively as "skips", and also the 1970s Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance series including Spartan and Scimitar. Christopher Bellamy

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# Fury as Major meets terrorist

Chief political Correspondent

John Major met two Lovalist politicians with terrorist convictions in Downing Street last night in a clear signal to Sinn Fein that they will be brought into talks if the IRA call a cease-

The meeting, which included John White, a convicted murderer and former member of the Ulster Defence Association. outraged Lord Fitt, the SDLP peer. But Mr Major's decision to "take a risk" was praised by Michael Mates, the former Northern Ireland Minister who has acted as go-between for the Government with the IRA.

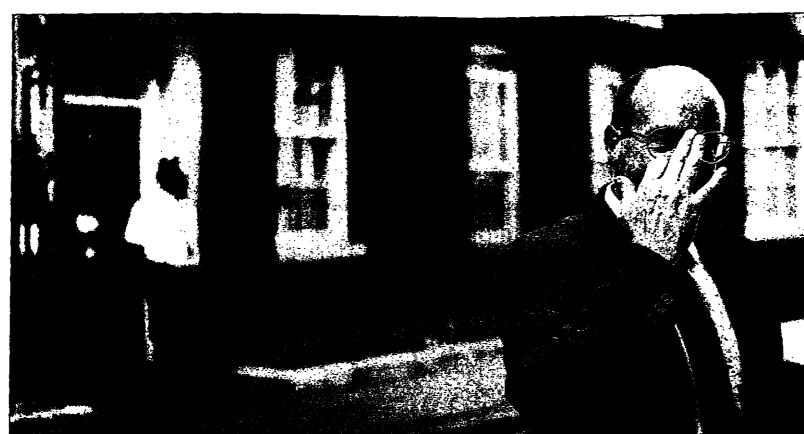
"If it is going to be resolved and if former terrorists on both sides are going to be involved in a solution, some exceedingly nasty people on both sides are going to have to be spoken to. Mr Mates said.

The Tory MP said it was important to highlight the difference between the Loyalists paramilitaries who had declared a ceasefire which was holding. and the IRA, who had resumed the violence.

Mr Major's invitation to the Lovalists might persuade the IRA that if they called a ceasefire they could be also brought into the talks. "If a ceasefire had existed on both sides, it is ... possible the Prime Minister would be seeing the IRA ter-rorists as well." Mr Mates said.

Mr Major's meeting was intended to put pressure on Sinn Fein and the IRA to resume the ceasefire, enabling Sinn Fein to join the all-party talks, this week nearing a conclusion before a break until September.

At the meeting with Mr White were David Ervine of the his wife escaped unhurt. Progressive Unionist Party, a former member of the Ulster for 11 years in 1975 for trans- parade crisis.



Street of fame: Loyalist John White, a convicted killer, outside No10 Downing Street last night

The hard men now talking peace

The bomb was thrown

furnishings. The occupant an It was the latest in a series of attacks against police officers

through a window of the house at New Mossley, setting fire to

Volunteer Force who was jailed since the Drumcree Orange

whose father was a UDA commander murdered by the IRA. A policeman's home in Co Antrim was petrol-bombed in an early morning attack, the RUC said vesterday.

porting a bomb with intent to

endanger life, and Gary Mc-Michael, leader of the UDP. MICHAEL STREETER Among the four Loyalists who met John Major yesterday are

> Unionist and Nationalist circles. By far the most controversial is John White, the prisons spokesman for the Ulster Democratic Party (UDP), who was given a life sentence for the murder of SDLP Stormont Senator Paddy Wilson and his girlfriend in 1973. Responsibility for the murder, which shocked

years and left prison on a life li-cence, is described as a shadowy character, a "hard man" who two men with serious paramil- can help keep Loyalist paraitary criminal records - a fact militaries on track. One politiwhich has raised eyebrows in cal observer said: "With his track record White can get Loyalist hard-liners to accept

things few others could."
He was accompanied by the UDP's leader Gary McMichael, a 27-year-old life insurance salesman with no paramilitary track record: his father, John McMichael, was a well-known Loyalist hard man with strong links with the Ulster Defence many in Unionist communities, was later claimed by the Ul-Association, and he was murster Freedom Fighters (UFF), which has links with the UDP.

dered by the IRA in 1987. The other convicted Loyalist

both politically and economi-

ropean neighbours without sub-

Mr White, who served 14 is David Ervine, now spokesman for the Progressive Unionist Party (PUP) and a far more influential political figure than Mr White and, probably, Mr McMichael.

Mr Ervine, 43, from east Beliast, was arrested in 1975 for possessing explosives and served five years of an 11 year sentence in the Maze Prison. There, in the Ulster Voluntary Force (UVF) wing, he underwent a political transformation and on his release joined the PUP to push for a non-violent solution to the troubles.

Widely seen as the most articulate and thoughtful of the Loyalist fringe politicians, Mr Ervine has won some praise

apparent willingness to negotiate for peace while still being able to reflect and influence UVF paramilitary thinking. However, many Nationalists

from all sides for his honesty and

regard his relatively open stance as "too good to be true an some wonder if he is being used by the British Government.

The PUP's leader, Hugh Smyth, also at the meeting, is an former Lord Mayor of Belfast and long-serving City Councillor, who used to sit as an Independent. The PUP is seen as representing the Unionist working classes, many of whom regard the mainstream Ulster Unionists and Democratic Unionists with suspicion.

ly in the White Paper on our approach to the IGC. I am just as determined as you to take decisions that are in Britain's national interests, and not to saddle Britain with unnecessary

unemployment. ... Whether or not we decide to join a single currency, if it proceeds it will have a significant impact on the United Kingdom. In these circumstances, I believe our national interest means we must retain our influence by being part of the negotiations and by argu-ing our case ... If, when the time comes, we decide it is not in Britain's interests to join, we

regulation, high costs or

I am grateful for what you have done during your time in Government, particularly as Deputy Chief Whip, Minister of State in the Foreign Office, and Paymaster General.

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## The resignation letter

On 16 May I informed you that I wanted to leave the Government. I agreed to your request that I should stay until the July that joining a single European reshuffle. Unfortunately, knowledge about my decision bas become public. To end further uncertainty I am resigning committed to a single curren-I am leaving because I can no

Dear Prime Minister,

longer support the Government's policy towards the European Union. At the Foreign Office and more recently at the Treasury I have dealt with the European Union at first hand. I have supported a policy of attempting to reform it and building a relationship which protects British interests and prevents unwarranted interference in our affairs. This policy is not working. The drive to political union in Europe is relentless and has already gone beyond what most people regard as acceptable. In particular I am convinced

terest, it is our job as the party of the national interest to make our position clear and resist it now. I believe we must build a new relationship with the European Union. We can have free trade in Europe without being shackled to an economic system characterised by unnecessary regulations, high costs and un-employment. We can have close political relations with our Eu-

mitting to a federalist legal system.

currency would be disastrous. It is because I see a new relationship with the European cally. I know we are not as yet Union as essential that I have cy. However, the Government's resigned from the Government and intend to speak freely from equivocation on this issue is confusing to the public and disthe back benches. It has been a privilege to

appointing to most of our sup-porters. When something is serve in your administration. I clearly against the national inwill, of course, continue to give you my support and do my utmost to secure the Government's re-election. Yours ever, David

Mr Major's reply: Dear David, Thank you for your letter earlier today.

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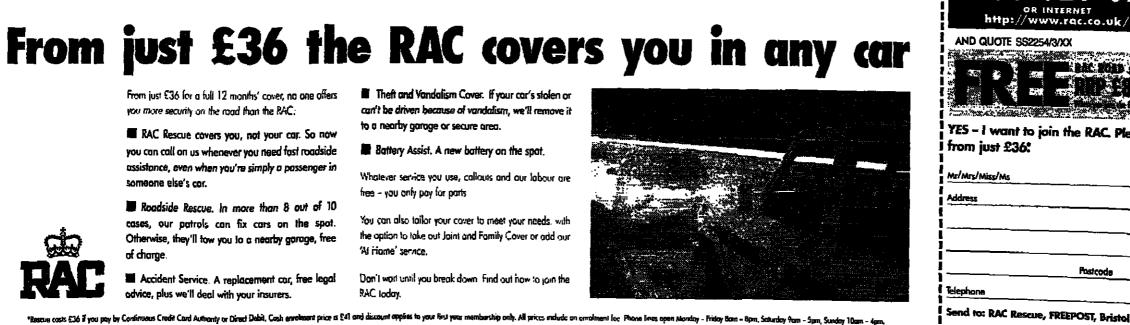
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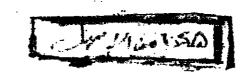
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How can it be that the number of Second World War aircraft capable of flying has increased dramatically in the past decade? The answer lies with the enthusiasts who devote their time to restoring them.

In spite of occasional crashes, such as the loss of Britain's only flying Mosquito fighter-bomber on Sunday, a powerful lobby believes that historic aircraft belong in the air. The difference, they say, is between stuffed animals in a museum, and living animals in a zoo.

There are several thousand of these aeroplanes worldwide, most of them in the US," said Stephen Grey, head of the Fighter Collection based at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire. "Ten years ago there were three or four Spitfires flying in the world: now there are 25. There were

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about 40 Mustangs - now there are 100. Fifteen years ago there was one Lancaster: now there are two, and others are under restoration."

The loving care lavished on historic aircraft is not limited to Allied planes. A decade ago, of the 22,000 German Me-109 fighters built, none were flying. Now, Mr Grey said, three or four are flying and a similar number are being restored.

Fighter Collection, with 18 flying aircraft and 13 undergoing restoration, is only one of many in Europe. The RAF's Battle Of Britain Memorial Flight, whose aircraft take part in official flypasts, has one Hurricane and another being restored, a Lanc-aster, and five Spitfires. The Navy retains its own Historic

Flight, with a Sea Fury, a Firefly and two Swordfish. More effort is now put into restoring the aircraft than would have been expended on them in wartime, when they were built. Engine and propeller parts can be taken from aircraft too damaged to restore. Other parts - wooden and aluminium spars, structural parts and riv-

ets - are made from scratch. When an old aeroplane crashes, it is usually through "human error". The aircraft, designed for war, were usually pushed to the limit in their de-

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"They're hig gyroscopes, es- 'oul sentially, with an enormous fu propeller on the front," said Mr 1 an Grey. "If something goes wrong efer it's a question of knowing what see to do." He refused to speculate the on the cause of Sunday's accident. But in previous cases, he said, pilots had been distracted, to

or had made simple errors. The determination to keep historic aircraft flying stems from the belief that there is more to history than the mere

artefact. "It's not a glorification of war," said Mr Grey. The jet has land obviously been an amazing technological change. Piston-engine technology has reached its end. That's a reason for maintaining it. Historically it's pretty important to see these lacu things in their prime element. which is in the air. How would a child know what a Spitfire is. y th if he just saw it in a museum?

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# Loophole on foreign aircraft to be closed

#### CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

Tighter controls over foreignlicensed aircraft are likely to be introduced next summer because of concern over a series of air-safety incidents.

Sir Malcolm Field, the new chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, said yesterday that a review of the regulatory regime for foreign aircraft being operated from the UK is to be carried out in the autumn.

The issue has become prominent because of the crash of the Turkish-registered Birgenair Boeing 757 in the Dominican Republic in February. The jet was carrying German tourists between the Caribbean and Germany, and yet the aircraft was registered and regulated in a third country.

Last month, passengers in Florida due to travel on an Antiguan-licensed DC10 belonging to Excalibur Airways refused to board the aircraft because smoke had entered the cabin. The airline went out of business

shortly afterwards. Similarly, British holidaymakers have found themselves on various foreign-owned aircraft although they have booked with British tour companies.

Yesterday, at the launch of the CAA's annual report. Mike Willett, head of safety operations, said that once given a licence, British tour operators could charter aircraft from any carrier in the world. He said that most airlines were safe and "there are very few airlines

that I would not fly in". The CAA accepts that there is a loophole. Aircraft from carriers which are registered in Third World countries are often not maintained to the same standards as those of Western

operators, even though the countries are signatories to the Chicago Convention which lays down international safety standards.

The problem for the CAA is that regulating these carriers will be expensive, involving both inspection of maintenance records and checking cockpit procedures of air crew.

Moreover, if tour operators are banned from calling in these aircraft at short notice, then passengers at peak times in the summer are likely to find themselves stranded for long periods either ment aircraft will be avo

Concern over safety will be highlighted again later this week when British Midland is prosecuted at Luton Crown Court over an incident in which one of its Boeing 737s, with 180 people on board, nearly ran out of oil because of a maintenance error. The Air Accidents Investigation Branch will ask the CAA for a review of maintenance procedures following this incident and two others where lives were put at risk by maintenance fail-

ures of UK operators. The CAA also warned yesterday that passengers faced a small surcharge next year to ensure that people stranded as a result of the failure of travel firms can be be brought back or be reimbursed.

The Air Travel Trust Fund, set up in the 1970s following the failure of the tour operator Clarkson, has been depleted by a recent spate of tour firm failures and the CAA has had to borrow £3m to compensate passengers and run emergency charter flights. Now, legislation to levy about 50p off each passenger is likely to be introduced in the autumn.

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## DAILY POEM

#### The Song

By Gavin Ewart

I am a free ranging hen and God put me on this earth to pick up the crumbs of intelligence I need for my artwork the old how, the variant where, the new when.

I am the Gauloise (blue) for many years since my birth I have been jumbling the words into elegance, part pleasure, part work, and I have been smoked by the many, bought by the few.

I am a sandwich fresh cut, eat me aurally, near the bone and juicy the ham was, desiccated the pub clock will make it catch me by the vanishing rabbit's quick scut.

l am a bottle of wine, the wrath in my grapes homegrown, drink me; those who hesitated were never able to take it. Slup me rough and homely and I'll taste fine.

"Gavin Ewart wrote delightful poems on almost any subject, but the prodigality, cleverness and sheer high spirits of his verse were often bright clothes covering great depth of feeling," writes Tony Whittome, his editor at Hutchinson for 20 years. Before he died in October 1995, he had compiled for us a new volume of Selected Poems, published this week. He chose as its epigraph 'The Song', one of his poems which sums up both the delight and seriousness of his work."

# Mayors could lead Labour's 'wise spenders' Ingovernment, we will not be big 25 matching of the Philip Edition of the Philip Edition

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

A "positive debate" on Labour's proposals to elect mayors for major cities will be called for today by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, in a speech which will bluntly warn local authorities that they cannot expect hig spending to High profile leaders with

LONDON

London would be the obvious

candidate among UK cities to

have an elected mayor - but it

Since the the Greater Lon-

don Council was abolished in

1986, there has been a growing

demand for a return to some

form of London-wide govern-

ment. London First, an associ-

ation of 200 top companies

and City interests, is working on

detailed proposals for a direct-

ly elected mayor - it prefers the

term "governor" to work with

eight commissioners carrying

London has a plethora of local organisations, but, argues

London First: "What it lacks is

co-ordination and long-term planning. A directly-elected mayor would "champion London at home and abroad".

Close observers calculate that most leaders of Labour-

controlled boroughs in London are against the idea, and the

Conservatives remain deeply

That has not prevented spec-

ulation on who might run for

"governor": Tony Banks, Labour MP and ex-GLC councillor;

Simon Hughes, Liberal Demo-crat MP: Michael Cassidy, pol-

icy chairman (in effect, leader)

of the City of London: Heather

Sheppard, Conservative ex-

chairman of Grand Metropol-

itan, who is chairman of Lon-

would be the riskiest.

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resistant to it.

city solutions

Blair is expected to tell councillors at the Shadow assemblyof the new Local Government Association.

The future of local government will not be based on spending an increased share of the national cake, but on improved efficiency and ensuring that every council sees its aim

Oxfordshire County Council,

James Plasket, and the Chan-

cellor of the University of Ox-

LEEDS

If Harvey Nichols, the favoured

shop of the rich and famous, is

prepared to open its first regional branch in Leeds, it could be argued that the city has no

need of an elected mayor to

The store has followed a

number of businesses which in

recent years have flocked to

Leeds - now the biggest finan-

cial services centre outside the

licensing policy, the city boasts large numbers of clubs and

cafes, and many residents have a high disposable income. The council has worked hard

to raise the profile of Leeds and,

under Jon Trickett, set up the 24-Hour City Initiative to bring

business and community lead-

ers together to discuss the city's

regeneration.
Mr Trickett, now Labour MP

for Hemsworth, would be an ob-

vious candidate, but both he and

the present city council argue

that Leeds has no need for an

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool is one city with ex-

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raise its profile.

compulsory competitive tendering will go, councils will face a new duty of seeking best value for money - an approach which, Labour analysts believe, will mean some competitive tendering will continue. And gov-

"In government, we will not be big as matching the performance of best value. The "democratic renew-spenders but wise spenders," Mr the best." That means that while all which Mr Blair promises will incouncil decision making - and a "positive debate" on elected mayors.

But academics and management experts yesterday warned that the seemingly simple idea embraces a host of very different models.

powers, with clout coming from an

electoral mandate, political skills and personality – as in New Zealand. "The more you look at elected mayors," according to Gerry Stok-

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Germany, differing models abound. In Hessen, Professor Stoker says, the mayor is directly elected but a cabinet is then appointed by the assembly, so "to get anything done, you

the idea, however, a study by Strathclyde University last year found 70 per cent of the electorate in favour. Leading article, page 13

## More power to take action than the President

BATTERITE

Mayor Schmoke, a celebrated national figure who is close to President Clinton, belongs to new breed of pragmatic, technocratic black American mayors whose policies have not been defined by race politics. A Yale-educated Rhodes scholar, he has been accused by critics of being too cerebial, lacking in the common touch. But more often he has drawn praise.

He has been mayor of Baltimore since 1987, having been elected for the third successive time last November. His most notable successes have been in adult education and urban renewal. His popularity among all races in a city that is 60 per cent black saw him win the last election with 78 per cent of the vote.

Mr Schmoke is blessed by the city's statutes with a high measure of autonomy. The city council, a legislative body, approves the budget. But the mayor controls it. He signs the cheques for the city's 28,500 municipal employees; he appoints the heads of departments, including the commissioner of police, and they enforce his policies. They do what he says. They're his army," said Clinton Coleman, the mayor's press

STRASBORRE

Ms Trautmann, a theologian and native of Alsace, is regarded as one of France's most successful mayors, combining the roles of adept local administrator and high-profile ambassador for her city in France and in Europe. Aged 45, she was first elected mayor in 1989 against the city's reputation as a right-wing stronghold. Last June she was convincingly re-elected for a second term against the na-tional trend to the right. She remains the only female mayor of any French city with a population of more than 100,000.

When she became mayor, Strasbourg was wracked by social divisions which are more extreme than almost anywhere else in France. Immigration was a major issue and environmental worries also loomed large. The two most visible re-

sults of Mme Trautmanu's first term in office were the Strasbourg tramway, which links outlying suburbs to the city centre and has removed cars from much of the city centre, and the Strasbourg affiliate branch of the elite Paris business school ENA. She has suc-cessfully argued for keeping European Parliament sessions in her city.

A French mayor is directly elected by dint of heading the victorious party or coalition list in the six-yearly local elections and combines the functions that are exercised separately in Britain by the lord mayor and council chairman.

He or she earns a salary related to the population of the city or village (around 20,000 francs a month for Strasbourg) and controls the city budget, which includes spending on school and community buildings council housing and local trans-

**一种的** Naples was a byword for modern urban trash. Generations of sleazy, incompetent municipal councils had turned the city of the Grand Tour, a Baroque jewel nestling at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, into a sprawl-

ing industrial city choking on smog and anarchic poverty. In 1993, the very nadir of its postwar history, Naples was formally declared bankrupt and its traffic lights were turned off for two months to save money - not that anybody noticed since traffic lights had long since lost their meaning amid the chaos. But then the messiah finally arrived in the shape of Antonio Bassolino, a charismatic local left-winger who won the mayor's office in a tight electoral race against Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of the Duce, in December 1993. In little more than two years, the centre has been cleaned up and partly pedestrianised, traffic has been reorganised to run more smoothly, museums and public buildings have been made more accessible and

street festivals have been re-

vived. Above all, Naples has re-

covered its self-esteem.



Purely ceremonial: London's Lord Mayor's parade. A mayor with real powers could be a champion for the city

OXFORD A high-profile city leader could is among the top five British help Oxford solve its grow congestion problem and also change the city's "town and gown image. The Labourcontrolled city council favours an elected mayor to help speed decisions regarding city centre congestion, and promote the city as an industrial centre as well as one of learning and tourism.

Among the names thrown up were those of the former leader of the Labour Group on

perience of "city bosses". For many years Liberal Sir Trevor Jones ran the city council, only Rabbatts, go-getting chief executive of Lambeth; even Lord is now fiercely proud of its recovery, and recently scored Objective One status, a European regeneration award amounting to £1.2 billion, which will see it through to the year 2000 The refurbished Albert Dock

rrist attractions, and Paul McCartney has ploughed millions of pounds into the Institute of Performing Arts. Perhaps the Hatton era

turned the city against the idea of an elected leader. Christopher Gibaud of the Mersey Partnership, whose remit is to raise the region's profile, says an elected mayor would turn the "emasculated local authorities into a snake-pit of confusion".

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## Blair moves to placate unions over strike law

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Tony Blair yesterday moved to calm the nerves of senior union leaders, privately assuring them that Labour had no plans to introduce a law to enforce binding arbitration in the public services, currently hit by a wave of stoppages. While some of Mr Blair's cul-

leagues believe that such a "nostrike" regime could be a means of avoiding disruption, unions have made it clear that such a system would end in a bureaucratic quagmire with every petty argument ending up in the iands of an arbiter.

The strong disagreement among senior figures in the labour movement comes at a time when unions are planning more strikes on London Underground, postal workers are scheduled to stage another daylong walkout on Friday, civil ser-vants have voted for stoppages at the Benefits Agency, and firefighters in Derbyshire announced further disruption.

Mr Blair has now moved, however, to placate trade unionists and it is understood that those in the Labour Party who are considering plans for compulsory arbitration have been told to keep their views to themselves. His assurance will inevitably lead to Tory accusations that Labour has once more bowed to its "paymasters".

As the Labour leader held one of his regular but secretive "contact group" meetings with trade unionists, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, confirmed a threat to lift the

Royal Mail's monopoly on de-livering letters for less than £1 inless employees abandoned

their plan for a strike on Friday. Talks between management and postal workers' representatives continued at the concil-iation service Acas last night, and the postal executive of the Communications Workers Union is due to assess progress today. The union originally intended to stage a 36-hour strike beginning on Friday but has since curtailed it to 24 hours as an "olive branch" - although it is believed that some CWU members objected to the longer stoppage.

Elsewhere in the public sector, the CPSA Whitehall union announced a vote for strike action among members in the Benefits Agency concerned about their safety when the Jobseckers' Allowance is introduced in the autumn. Staff are worried that the strict rules may provoke angry scenes, and the union is seeking the reintroduction of security screens for protection. The parrow majority for strike action - 5,449 to 4,434 in a 40 per cent turnout - may make it difficult, however, for the union to press ahead

The London Underground dispute remains deadlocked with two further stoppages planned within the next seven days - one on Thursday and another next Monday and six more after that.

In Derbyshire, leaders of 800 firefighters announced another four strikes in protest at cuts in spending which the Fire Brigades Union believes will result in the loss of 80 jobs.

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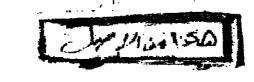
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The notes forming the theme tune to Hancock's Half Hour. They have been used by the composer Dominic Muldowney for his Trombone Concerto, which premièred at the Proms last night

#### MARK PAPPENHEIM

e power to action that President

The new season of the Proms has confirmed its commitment to the best of contemporary British composition by fielding both the venerable Sir Michael Tippett alongside new talent such as Dominic Muldowney. whose new concerto based on the theme tune from Hancock's Half Hour was premièred last

As director of music at the Royal National Theatre for the past 15 years, Muldowney's music has probably been heard by more people than most composers aspire to. But his new work, Trombone Concerto - designed to exploit both the comic and serious sides to the slide trombone by interweaving a musical tribute to JS Bach with the Hancock tune - is just the sort of high-profile exposure Muldowncy, 44, deserves.

The BBC should feel ashamed for not televising it, or any of the other new works this year. The Proms' recent hit rate with new works has shown a distinct improvement. Both John Tavener, with the plangent, soaring cello lines of his The Protecting Veil, and James MacMillan, with the nightmare

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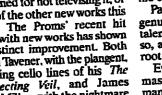
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witchery of his Confession of Isobel Gowdie, have scored popular successes that have gone on to extended life on CD and in the concert hall.

Partly this is a reflection of a genuine flowering of British talent over the past decade or so, a flowering that has taken root on the world stage too. Even as the hecklers were

massing to disrupt performances of the music of Sir Harrison Birtwistle - the modernist bête noire of the unreconstructed romantics - foreign foundations were queuing up to shower him with cash-rich prizes: \$150,000 (£100,000) from the Grawemeyer Award, 250,000DM (£108,000) from Siemens. The mysterious Rex Foundation, unmasked as the cultural wing of psychedelic Sixties rock group, the Grateful Dead, has channelled funds into new works by such artists as James Dillon and Michael Finnissy, both proud pupils of the "New Complexity" school.



the spacious setting of the

Among the more mainstream modernists, approachable composers such as Oliver Knussen, Colin Matthews and Mark-Anthony Turnage are all making waves on the world scene John Tavener, high priest of the so-called "Faith Minimalists", was last year honoured with an entire festival of

his works in Athens. At 91, Sir Michael is the senior composer represented in

this year's Proms. In September Royal Philharmonic Society to the 87-year-old Elliott Carter. The American's Fifth String Quarter has just received its London première as the centrepiece of a new series of lunchtime

formed every Monday in the there will be performances of his Britten Theatre of the Royal 1950s Corelli Fantasia and his College of Music. more recent orchestral piece, Although Carter has had The Rose Lake, but he has already made an appearance to present the Gold Medal of the

work commissioned for the Proms, Sir Michael, stalwart of British music, has never been so honoured. The nearest the Proms ever got was to present the London première of Corelli Fantasia back in 1953. Even Benjamin Britten, un-

rival for the title of Britain's Albert Hall. leading post-war composer, was only ever commissioned once.

Few of the works specificalcomposed for the Royal Álbert Hall have ever gone on to join the mainstream: all too often, budding young (and even older) composers, presented with that unique audience, atmosphere and acoustic, have created pieces that work only in

Whatever the audience

response, though, Muldowney has scored highly on one point: he did at least complete his piece on time, unlike several more famous names in the Proms past.

And remembering how the "Lad himself" appreciated the "Unfinished Symphony", it's a good thing too.



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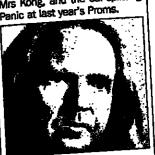
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Bogeyman of anti-modernists, the 62-year-old Accrington-born composer is now household name, thanks to his opera. The Second Mrs Kong, and the ear-splitting



Former Beatles protégé Tavene made his Proms comeback in 1989 with The Protecting Vell. His works clear a path through the impenetrability of modern music.



Self-styled Essex boy and artis tic director of the English National Opera Studio, Turnage is working on a new operatic version of Sean



Gavin Bryars Part-time pataphysician, Bryars Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet was a chart hit. Dr Ox's Experiment will appear at ENO next year.



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## Amnesty to condemn Israel over Qana massacre openly admitted: Amnesty has

ROBERT FISK

Israel will come under scathing criticism from Amnesty International tomorrow when the organisation publishes its report on the massacre of civilians at the UN's headquarters in Qana and on other civilian casualties of Israel's April bombardment of southern Lebanon.

According to sources in Beirut, Amnesty's investigation team - which included a retired Dutch army general and which visited both Lebanon and Israel - has concluded that the Israeli attack on the UN compound at Qana, in which over 100 civilthat Israel's own inquiry into the killings was cursory.

Amnesty - whose report is said to be much more critical than that of the UN's own investigators, who concluded that it was "unlikely" the Israelis shelled Qana in error - is also believed to have harsh words for

the Hizbollah, criticising its irresponsibility for firing mortars at Israeli troops from close to the Qana compound when they must have realised the danger to civilians sheltering near by. It is now known that the

Amnesty team was told by UN officials in Lebanon that only a day before Israel's assault on the UN's Fijian battalion headquarters at Qana, another attack - hitherto unrevealed - took place against a UN Nepalese battalion post at Majdel Zun in southern Lebanon. Eight Israeli shells landed inside this UN compound - some fitted with the deadly proximity fuses that slaughtered so many at Qana ians died, was deliberate and that Israel's own inquiry into the herded into bomb shelters and there were no civilian casualties. There had been no prior warnings from the Israelis before the

attack on the Nepalese and no

Hizbollah fire from the vicini-ty prior to the Israeli shellfire. Amnesty expressed its grave



concern at the killing of Lebanese civilians at the height of Israel's bombardment but its detailed report, compiled less than a month later, is believed to concentrate on violations of "the laws of war" by both sides. It is said that it will demand

compensation for Israel's civilian victims and punishment for the Israelis responsible for the Qana massacre. Sources say it also demands - unrealistically, of course - that the United States and Iran should place restrictions on the use of weapons

they provide to Israel and the Hizbollah which would prevent the further killing of civilians. The Amnesty report is also

understood to condemn Israel for two other attacks on civilian targets during its "Grapes of Wrath operation. Amnesty investigated the killing of four children and two women in a Lebanese ambulance which was attacked by an Israeli heli-copter at al-Mansouri in southern Lebanon on 13 April, and the killing by another Israeli pilot of seven children and two adult civilians in their home at Nabatea on 18 April. just a few hours before the Qana slaughter. The report is said to conclude that the Israelis responsible for these killings

should also be brought to justice. The Amnesty team is known to have talked to Hizbollah as well as Israeli officials, and the report is understood to detail Hizbollah's rocket attacks upon northern Israel, something which Hizbollah leaders have

already condemned such attacks as a breach of international law and is understood to have repeated this condemnation in its report.

■ In Beirut vesterday, Sayed Hassan Nasrallah, the Hizbollah leader, told journalists that his organisation had tried to find the missing Israeli airman Ron Arad who was captured by Palestinians after being shot down during a raid on Sidon in 1986. Nasrallah claimed that Arad had been mysteriously taken from his prison cell after capture but that the Hizbollah did not know his whereabouts. His press conference followed the freeing of 45 Lebanese prisoners from the Israeli jail at Khiam on Sunday and the exchange of the bodies of two Israeli soldiers for the remains of 123 Hizbollah guerrillas. When Hizbollah released 17 pro-Israeli militiamen, however, all 17 told their Israeli-paid officers that they wished to remain in Beirut.

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## TWA crash: Wreckage and more bodies recovered from ocean floor may provide breakthrough ♥ Hopes rise for clues as fuselage is found

JOHN CARLIN Washington

After five frustrated days, yes-terday finally came what could be the breakthrough that in-vestigators have been waiting for. A major part of the fuse-lage of TWA Flight 800 was discovered in the Atlantic ocean off New York's Long Island, along with more bodies.

The news came during a memorial service, attended by Governor George Pataki. "God works in very strange ways," said Mr Pataki. "While we were here, a major part of the fuselage has been found, additional bodies have been located and we're hopeful that your agony,

None the less, it is still unclear whether, after five days of being washed by the salty wa-ter of what has been a turbu-lent sea, the FBI forensic experts will be able to get their hands on the chemical evidence that is required to help establish whether the explosion which blew the Boeing 747 out of the sky was mechanical or

"It frustrates me," said Jim Kallstrom, the FBI assistant director in charge of the investi-gation. "I need this forensic evidence. Because if I do have a terrorist here - and I'm not saying I do ... it's another day's head start that this individual has to do whatever he's doing to cover his tracks."

On Saturday some excitement was generated by the announcement that naval sonar devices had come across what Robert Francis, vice-chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, described as "a

large piece of something".

Maybe it was the plane's fuselage. But then, on Sunday. when a vessel equipped with an underwater video camera was dispatched to the area, the camera failed. The prospects of finding the black boxes con-taining the flight data and cock-sion, said.

pit voice recorders remain gloomy. The boxes are supposed to emit pinging sounds easily detectable by sonar detectors, but not one ping has been heard yet. As Mr Francis told NBC, "It's a big ocean out

In the meantime, the CIA has asked Israel to check the Athens-New York passenger list of the TWA plane for people with links to "terror" groups, an Israeli newspaper re-

ported yesterday.

"The American intelligence agency gave Israel's Mossad [secret service] the passenger list of the TWA plane from Athens to New York and asked that it check the passengers rounds to reveal if one of them had connections to a terror group." Israel's largest-selling daily, Yedioth Ahronoth,

The unsourced report said that the CIA had made the same request of Jordan and

Egypt.

Israeli officials were not immediately available for commediately available for comments. ment. Israeli security sources would not confirm or deny the report, but one spokesman said: "There is cooperation."

US investigators said on Sunday that without finding additional wreckage they would not be able to say conclusively if TWA Flight 800 was downed by an act of sabotage.

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On Friday, Israel's Haaretz
newspaper quoted an unidentified senior security source as saying Israel was helping US intelligence agencies and the FBI

in the investigation.
In London, the Iranian embassy said it had complained to the Times about a report saying the destruction of TWA flight 800 may have been caused by Iranians. "It is much to our surprise that the Times is using any tragic event in the world to distort the image of the Iranians," a letter, signed by Mohammad Safaei, deputy head of Iran's diplomatic mis-



Friends and relatives of victims of the TWA disaster at a memorial service in St Louis yesterday. There were 230 balloons, one for each person on the aeroplane which crashed off Long Island Spain takes hard line on terror

## Four die in Pakistan airport bombing

to vowed yesterday to fight terrorists with an "iron hand" after a bomb blast at Lahore airport killed at least four people and wounded 68.

A second bomb in another town in Punjab wounded eight people, the provincial chief minister Mohammad Arif

Police said earlier that the Lahore explosion, at a food stall outside a domestic departure lounge at the airport, killed six people and wounded more than 50. But Mr Nakai later said that four people were killed and 68 injured by the blast, which he blamed on unidentified 'external elements".

There was no immediate claim of responsibility or information about who had set off the bomb, the latest in a series of such attacks in Punjab the country's most populous province. The attacks have to maintain the province.

Lahore (Reuter) — Pakistan's killed 70 people and wounded hundreds more.

A senior police official, who asked not to be named, said he suspected a "foreign hand". In the past, the authorities have accused intelligence networks from India of sponsoring bomb attacks in Punjab in retaliation for Pakistan's support for militants fighting Indian rule in Kashmir. India has denied the charges.

Ms Bhutto, who is visiting South Korea, condemned the Lahore attack in a message which said: "Terrorists are out to terrorise the people and gov-ernment of Pakistan." State television quoted her as declaring she would not compromise with terrorists and would "deal with them with an iron hand".

Political sources said the bombings were likely to put Ms Bhutto under fresh pressure from opponents already accusing the government of failing to maintain the peace or to

and defused the small packet containing around 500g of explosive material and a

The Spanish government yesterday announced that security is being stepped up along the Costa Dorada around Barcelona and Tarragona following the weekend bombs in which 30 Britons were <u>inj</u>ured.

Madrid
PETER VICTOR

The Spanish government is expected to adopt tough new anti-terrorist measures this week. Miguel Angel Rodriguez. the secretary of state for communications, refused to give details, but said that an announcement would be made A telephone call to a Basque

later this week. In the latest Eta summer bombing campaign, 14 bombs have been placed in areas frequented by foreign tourists Police are searching for two

men who were seen acting suspiciously near the Hotel Augustus in Crambils on hundreds of Sunday evening. Five hundred fragments

guests, mostly German and shrapnel injuries to the was not clear what the new ad-Dutch, were evacuated from the victims. Condemnation of vice would be. hotel before police found the latest Eta bombing The final wording of our adtiming device hidden in a window.

Of the 34 people injured in the blast at Reus Airport on Saturday evening, 12 were still in hospital yesterday.

Police suspect that a cleaner. who was the most seriously injured, could have triggered the airport bomb prematurely when she emptied a waste bin in the bar in the departure area where the bomb had been

newspaper warned that the bomb had been timed to explode between 8 and 8.30pm. Police had not had time to evacuate the crowded airport terminal when the bomb went off 20 minutes early. The metal waste bin shattered into hundreds of pieces, scattering fragments which caused

campaign, which is similar to ones inflicted on the Spanish Costas every summer for almost a decade, has been uni-

Eta is attempting to damage the Spanish economy by targeting its vital tourist industry. More than 40 million tourists visit Spain each year, four and a half million of them from Britain.

However, Costa Dorada hoteliers appeared yesterday to be more worried about the threat from terrorist bombs than their clients. The beaches were crowded as normal, and visitors had to search Salou beach for space on which to spread their towels. Most hotels in the area are full to capacity. with few cancellations from

tourists. The Foreign Office said yesterday that it was modifying its advice to tourists in Spain after the events of last weekend, but

vice is still being worked on, but we are certainly not telling people not to go to Spain. said a spokesman. Obviously, people planning a Spanish holiday must bear in mind what's been

happening."

"There have been occasions. in other areas, when we have advised people against travelling. But in this case we are asking people to be vigilant and use common sense."

The advice is prepared by the Foreign Office's travel advice bureau which is attached to the 7 consular division.

The bureau liaises with consulate or embassy officials in the area concerned, as well as Foreign Office officials, before finalising the wording of advice

The Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) is closely monitoring the advice and will

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Problems for the parks: From the US to Africa, changing holiday patterns and budget crises menace the world's great outdoors -

## Tourists trek into a financial wilderness

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"FOR ALL THE PEOPLE TO ENJOY." So declares the inscription atop the stone arch at the north entrance to the Yellowstone National Park. What it does not go on to say is: "So long as someone pays for it". Why should it? America's famed park system is a sacred. national birthright.

But you need only drive a few yards further to the log-cabin welcome station to discover that at this park, as at dozens of others across the nation, all is not well. Down the list of the park's facilities two freshlypainted "closed" signs are posted. A story in the give-away park newspaper ominously trumpets: "Yellowstone National Park: just one step from insol-

The parks are basically broke and this summer, when the tourist swarms are at their peak, visitors are for the first time being forced to take notice. Campgrounds, trails and other attractions are closed, rangers are fewer in number and roads are crumbling beneath the rush of cars and mobile homes. The picture is the same whether you are here or at Yosemite. Glacier, Grand Canyon, or any of the scores of lesser-known parks across the country.

One obvious culprit is the low entrance fee. At Yellowstone a carload of passengers will pay only \$10 (£6.50) for the privilege of touring the park for a whole week, not a cent more than when the park was established in 1916.

More critical, however, is the squeeze being applied by the politicians in Washington, who. in their frenzy to wean all dependents of the state from federal funding, have seen little reason to exempt the parks. Since 1993 the system's budget in real terms has dropped by \$202m, or 17 per cent.

No park has stirred more controversy than the most famous, Yellowstone, After briefly considering the closure of a large part of its territory, the park opted to close a museum and campground at its second-most visited geyser area, the Norris Geyser. The move provoked fury from state politicians in Wyoming who were worried about tourist revenue, while visitors to Norris constantly express dismay.



Monumental problem: Yellowstone is one of America's most famous national symbols but it is also flat broke, thanks to politicians' meanness

comments Kurt Speidel, a California schoolteacher, pausing outside the closed doors of the Norris museum. "This park is part of our diplomacy, people come from all over the world to see it. And what they find is this - because the Republican politicians think the park is good enough as it is, and go visit their

fancy guest ranches instead." Don Striker, Yellowstone's embattled budget director, understands the bitterness but

send a message about the depth of the park's plight. "We've been dealing with this more or less invisibly for a few years already but this year we just hit bottom," he said. "Maybe there is an element of political statement in this, but it was definitely time to let people know what is

Congress, meanwhile, does have some ideas on how to save the parks. One bill under consideration would allow them to

which has the support of President Bill Clinton, envisages a more radical step towards privatisation. For the first time it would allow limited forms of corporate sponsorship for the parks. Advocates of sponsorship say it would raise an extra \$1bn for the system over 10 years and could be managed tastefully.

The current proposal, for instance, suggests that only 10 corporations would have the chance to become "sponsors" of

The pay-off for the companies would be public goodwill for their show of generous altruism. Critics believe the plan would be the thin end of the wedge. however. Pointing to the corporate overload currently on

logos within the parks but could

plug their support for the parks

in their advertising campaigns.

display at the centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, where Coca Cola and Visa are vying with the athletes for the

brought to you by the battery that just keeps on going", or, "The Disney Grand Canyon". "It would certainly help," says Mr Striker of the sponsor-

ship plan, before adding, "But you don't want McDonalds emblazoned on the bison": Jeff Dean, another disgruntled visitor at the Norris area,

goes further: "Old Faithful is brought to as by nature, it is not brought to us by some

bankroll the most famous of the parks, they would have no interest in maintaining the less visited ones.

All told, the parks say they face a combined cash shortfall of \$4bn if all urgent maintenance projects are undertaken. The Grand Canyon National Park has already formally declared itself hankrupt while the Timpanogos Cave National Monument in Utah has said it will turn away up to 10,000 vis-

Congress, meanwhile, are de- y th, bating a third bill to begin the which process of stripping the na-tional park designation from en some parks which are consid-

ered least worthy. There is one other possible file scenario for salvation: a return the of Democrat majorities in the Congress and some moderation of Washington's current budgetcutting frenzy. Failing that. there may be still more en. and graving to be done on Yellow- ; tha

## Kenyans desperate to see a vanishing species on safari

Nairobi

With the approach of the holiday high season in East Africa. tourism operators in Kenya are anxiously wondering if the country can regain the lion's share of this lucrative market.

Once king of the safari scene. Kenya has been toppled from its plinth. Last year the number of tourists fell by an alarming 20 per cent, from 863,000 to 690,000, Earnings from tourism, the country's main source of foreign exchange, fell by 11 In recent years, visitors wish-

ing to view the "Big Five" - elephants, lions, rhinos, buffalos and leopards - have increasingly turned their sights southwards. With South Africa and Zim-

babwe now drawing a greater number of holidaymakers, Kenya has only just managed to retain its place among the continent's "Big Five" tourist des-tinations. Ahead of it, in order, lie South Africa, Tunisia, Morocco and Zimbabwe.

The Kenyan government has

the falling number of tourists that President Daniel arap Moi recently appointed a new organisation, the Kenya Tourist Board, to re-establish the country as a prime destination. At its head is a former British Airways

executive, Brian Davies, the managing director of the national airline, Kenya Airways. "An air of crisis has devel-oped", Mr Davies admits. "But the situation is far from hopeless. Kenya is the best-known wildlife destination in the world. The wildlife in this country is unique. What is needed is ve promotion of Kenya's assets. If we can launch a satis-

could start to see its impact by Britain accounts for the largest percentage of visitors to Kenya. Hence the Tourist Board's decision to focus its attentions on the World Travel Market, the leading tourism trade fair held in London towards the end of the year.

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get of up to £10m per annum. A request for "start-up" funding has been made to the uropean Union.

Like many other developing countries around the world, Kenya has been faced with the dilemma of whether to promote itself as an exclusive, or a package, destination. The government until recently pursued a goal of "One Million Tourists by the Year 2000." But this year, following the example of neighbouring Tanzania, which wants to keep its annual quota at half a million arrivals, the authorities have started talking of

more limited, eco-tourism. "Mass tourism lowers the image of the country and destroys the environment", Mr Davies says. "We should go up-market. The quantity of tourists is not so important, it's more about how much people

Many tour operators believe the industry's problems have been caused by a failure to diversify. While clients have be-To sustain its promotion campaign, Mr Davies believes the come more sophisticated, the

lodge followed by a trip to the coast - has remained the same. The safari cliché of a lion surrounded by 10 minibuses is all too real in the Maasai Mara and Amboseli game parks. Yet tour operators visit only seven of the

59 parks and reserves. The Kenyan government blames bad publicity in the media. It says the coverage of Kenya's rising crime rate has been sensational and mis-

"Kenya has been battered in the press", a spokesman for the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife says. "A lot of scaring reports about mugging and crime have been put out. We feel there's been unfair reporting about the country".

According to one tour oper ator, the murder of Briton Julie Ward in the Maasai Mara eight years ago continues to cast a long shadow over tourism sales.

Kenya can, however, draw solace from its nomination as "best tourist destination in Africa" in this year's British Travel Trade Gazette poll.





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## **SIGNIFICANT SHORTS**

A French priest at the centre of a row over the Holocaust has publicly withdrawn his support for the author of a book which suggested that the number of Jews who died could be substantially fewer than six million. Abbé Pierre, 33, a campaigner for the homeless who is much loved in France for his work with the poor, has been on retreat in an Italian monastery for the past six weeks. He shocked French and foreign opinion when he expressed support for the views of his historian friend and contemporary, Roger Garaudy, contained in his book The founding myths of Israeli politics. In his recantation. Abbé Pierre said: "I ask for the forgiveness of those I have hurt." Not entirely convincingly, he insisted he had taken his decision 'free from all pressure and because I wish the truth to emerge'. Mary Dejevsky - Paris

As Brussels grapples with the budgetary fall-out of mad-cow disease. Europe's cereals farmers, who absorb almost half the EU's £30bn annual farm budget, have been told they face sweeping cutbacks. The warning came when EU agriculture ministers met vesterday to consider proposals to scale down the entire European beef industry in the wake of the BSE crisis. Plans include wholesale slaughter of calves to try to avert the rise of a new beef mountain. As Europe enters the peak autumn production period, stockpiles of unwanted beef are heading for the 600,000-tonne mark and could grow to I million tonnes by mid-1997. Demand for beef in France and Germany, is around 30 per cent below what it was before the crisis broke. Katherine Butler - Brussels

The former French prime minister and disappointed presidential candidate of one year ago, Edouard Balladur, reassembled members of his centre-right electoral team at his chalet in the alpine resort of Chamonix vesterday to discuss the formation of a new political grouping, the Association for Reform. The gathering flew in the face of attempts by President Jacques Chirac and his Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, to smooth over differences between the two camps in the run-up to the 1998 parliamentary elections. Mary Dejevsky - Paris

Zimbabwe said it will allow gay and lesbian organisations to take part in an international book fair, reversing last year's ban, which sparked world-wide condemnation. President Robert Mugabe branded homosexuals as "worse than dogs and pigs" and said they were entitled to no rights of any kind. Reuter - Harare

Aswarm of twenty-five thousand bees that followed their queen to an airport near the Norwegian town of Troudheim took over a transformer used for an aircraft parking and service area. "No one dared go near the swarm. There were bees everywhere," an airline employee, Baard Oeyen, said. The Braathens SAFE airline surrendered to the bees, abandoning several aircraft. After about three hours, a beckeeper arrived to liberate the

China's battle against corruption is making little progress but its "Strike Hard" crime crackdown has brought more than 162,000 arrests, including slave-traders and drug dealers, state media said. "The momentum of the phenomenon of spreading of rampant corruption has not been contained." one of China's best-selling magazines said in an edition intended only for officials. Reuter - Peking

Vodka can no longer be sold near schools, childcare centres, health clinics or churches in the capital, it was decreed by the Mayor of Moscow. Areas around underground stations, railway stations, airports and military facilities also will be off-limits for sales AP - Moscow

# Dissident's release stirs hope for change in Brunei

STEPHEN VINES

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, the richest man in the world, has completed his lavish 50th birthday celebrations by resuming his game of cat-and-mouse with Zaini Ahmad, 61, one of Brunei's best-known dissidents who was released from jail at the end of last week.

Western diplomats in Brunei see the release as a significant crack in the edifice of the absolute monarchy which rules this oil-rich enclave on Borneo. However, it was not accompanied by any other indication of

ly's total domination of Brunei's economic and political life.

Mr Zaini's release serves as a timely reminder that Brunei is more than home to the man who lives in the world's largest palace, owns the Dorchester Hotel and a private fleet of Rolls Royce cars. It is also home to 300,000 people, most of whom enjoy a high standard of living, albeit without basic civil rights.

In 1962 Mr Zaini's Parti Rakyat Brunei swept to victory in the nation's first and only democratic elections. The present Sultan's father, Sultan Sir Omar Ali Saifuddin III. refused relaxation in the sultan's fami- to accept the result, insisting

that no election could be allowed to undermine the power of the monarchy. The British, then running Brunei as a protectorate, had forced the Sultan into holding the election and were as surprised as he was at the victory of the party. When it became clear that the victors were to be denied power, the party's supporters staged

a revolt which was swiftly and

brutally put down by British

forces, mainly Gurkha troops.

Mr Zami was among 2,000 or
so people arrested. After serving 11 years in jail he escaped to Malaysia, only to be re-arrested on his return to Brunei.

Sultan was effectively deposed by his son, with British encouragement. It seems that Britain regarded the old Sultan as too stubborn, particularly in his refusal to join the then new Federation of Malaysia.

With an exquisite inability to judge Asian politics, the Foreign Office believed the Sultan's son would be more compliant. At first it looked as though they were right. But, as he grew into the job, he showed even greater determination than his father to be rid of British domination.

The formal British protectorate arrangement ended in

"advisers" remained in key government positions. British influence quickly waned as the former Crown Agents were stripped of the right to manage the Sultanate's funds.

There are no overt signs of political dissent in Brunei. A mild opposition party gave up the struggle in 1988. Mr Zaini has renounced opposition to the monarchy and expressed "sincere regret" for his role in the rebellion. The regime. however, has been showing signs of developing an ideology which justifies its rule. Official propaganda stresses

After the insurrection, the 1984, but a number of British nationalism and Islam in loyalty to the monarchy.

A national forum has recently been initiated to provide local leaders with a means of participating in the formulation of policy, but the doors of the legislature remain firmly shut. Although public participation in government is slight. Brunei allows local groups to voice their views. including the right to criticise government policy. It is done within well-understood limits but maintains some form of contact between the ruler and

## A hidden agenda in the world of the acronym

Jakarta - International diplomacy has always been a minefield of baffling acronyms and, as the Cold War has given way to the new world order, so bureaucrats and heads of state have met the challenge with a new set of opaque abbrevia-tions. In the old days, global security revolved on a transatlantic axis - the world of Nato and Comintern and the terrifying notion of MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction).

With the fall of the Soviet Union, the focus of global concern has moved east, to the realm of the CIS, Asean (Association of South-East Asian Nations), and Apec (Asia-Pacific Economic Co-Operation). This week, hold your breath for yet another international acronym - ARF,

the Asean Regional Forum. The ARF, which convenes in Jakarta this morning, first met three years ago, but neither of its previous meetings has addressed such a wide range of tensions and preoccupations as those under consideration today. Ministers from 18 countries, plus the European Union, will be officially represented at today's meetings. The geo-graphical, political and ecodelegates - from Russia and the

#### Richard Lloyd Parry on 'ARF' meeting in China's shadow

United States to Brunei and Burma. The Rangoon junta Laos - are enormous. At the formal ministerial meeting, plus the lower-level bilaterals, there will be discussion of virtually every issue of security in the

world today.
While the Europeans are briefing their Asian counterparts on events in Bosnia. Japan, the US and South Korea will be in an anxious huddle about the future of North Korea. Malaysia and Canada will co-chair an inter-sessional meeting on peace-keeping operations. The Singaporeans and Americans will put forward proposals on international search-and-rescue operations. Russia will be sharing its thoughts on the Asian republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and

And at the back of everyone's minds, casting a shadow over al-most every discussion, will be the future of the region's pivotal military power: China.

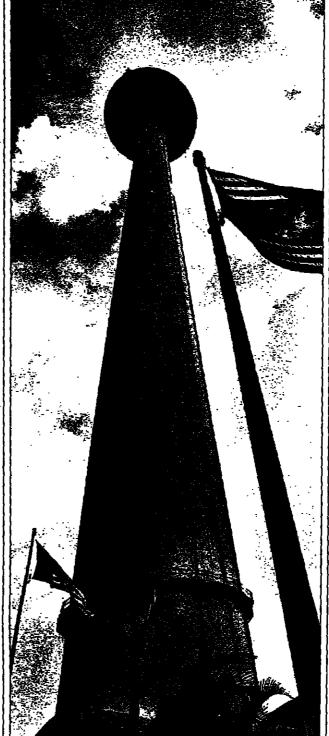
Perhaps mercifully, the ARF has no formal agenda - in common with Apec and Asean, it nomic disparities between the adopts a free-and-easy approach to its deliberations, with up any subject they choose. Certain of the participants, par-ticularly Singapore and Malaysia, take pride in painting this as a peculiarly "Asian attitude" in contrast with the rigid and confrontational style supposedly favoured by the West. But everyone knows that certain key subjects are going to crop up - and the group is likely to divide along polarised East-

The most obvious example is

will not be taking part in ARF. but it was welcomed on Saturday as an observer member of Asean which held its annual meeting over the weekend. The non-Asian delegates in Jakarta, which include Australia, New Zealand and Canada, as well as the Americans and Europeans, have taken umbrage at this, par-ticularly since last month when Leo Nichols, an honorary con-sul for several Scandinavian countries, died in custody in Rangoon. Their anger was not soothed yesterday by an explanation given by the Burmese Foreign Minister, Ohn Gyaw. Mr Nichols, he explained, had died after "eating something which was not compatible with his health".

Several other of ARF's Asian members have disturbing human rights records - notably China and the host, Indonesia, which this month marked the 20th anniversary of its savage annexation of East Timor. Despite encouragement from the Burmese democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, the Europeans seem to be watering boycott of Burma. But there are already mutterings that the that the EU in ARF is an acronym too far.

Jakarta (AP) – Ohn Gyav confirmed that his military government keeps records on foreign journalists and denies them is if their reports reflect badly on the regime. "If there is no goodwill, why should the government let them come and write bad things?" he said.



Flying high: The Malaysian flag flies by the Kuala Lumpur sault on Mullaitivu, which it said tower which opens today. The tower, at 431m (1,400ft), is the third tallest building in the world Photograph: AP

The army has denied this claim.

## Hundreds killed in Sri Lanka battle

Colombo (Reuter) — Tamil Tiger rebels claimed yesterday to have killed more than 1,200 Sri Lankan troops in the battle for a north-eastern army camp and said they had surrounded reinforcements sent to rescue the besieged garrison.

A statement from the Tigers said 241 rebels, including 68 women, had also died in the fight for the Mullaitivu army camp, regarded as the bloodiest battle in years.

An army official said the claim that government troops were surrounded was exaggerated. He estimated casualties at 300 killed and 200 wounded, and said more than 300 rebels had been killed.

Western diplomats said the latest upsurge of violence probably stemmed from the army's capture in April of the northern town of Jaffna, headquarters of the Tamil Tigers. The fighting has dashed government hopes that peace was at hand after the fall of Jaffna.

The main supply route to Jaffna is by sea, and western diplomats say that if Mullaitivu falls to the rebels, it could hit a vital link to Jaffna.

Reinforcements have been battling to reach the base since it was stormed by about 3,000 separatist guerrillas last week. The rebels sank a naval vessel with some 40 men aboard on Friday, and downed an air force helicopter on Saturday.

The latest attacks come a

sary of the anti-Tamil riots that sparked the ethnic conflict in which the government says more than 50,000 people have died. State-run radio said the fighting had forced President Chandrika Kumaratunga to cut short a private visit to London. The Tigers said their leader. Velupillai Prabhakaran, was personally supervising the assault on Mullaitivu, which it said

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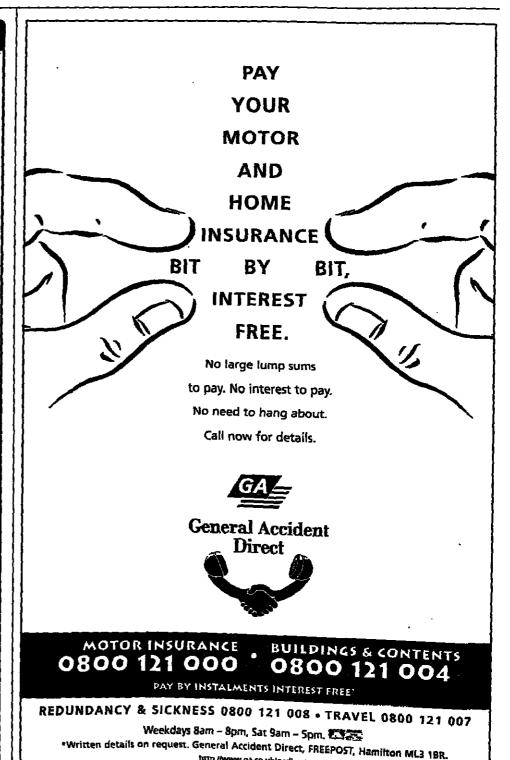
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EXCLUSIVE: Burundi's PM backtracks on pledge to let African peace force end the carnage

## Intervention will not stop the massacres but make it worse,

Bujumbura

Interpational intervention in Burundi, seen by many ob-servers as the last chance to prevent the country from sliding further into anarchy, will be opposed by the Prime Minister.

Antoine Nduwayo told the Independent in an exclusive interview yesterday that he new resolutely opposes plans for a multinational peace-keeping force in Burundi.

"Intervention from outside is not desirable." Mr Nduwayo said, before an emergency session of his cabinet in the capital, Bujumbura. "An intervention force could not prevent more massacres. In fact it could ... make the situation here

The Prime Minister's remarks mark a dramatic reversal. Only a month ago he agreed to an African peacekeeping force at a regional summit in Tanzania.

Mr Nduwayo said a peace keeping force would not have prevented the massacre at the weekend of more than 300 members of the minority Tutsi community in central Burundi. His government would now provide greater security for encampments of displaced Tutsis, such as the one attacked at Bugendena on Saturday.

Today the Prime Minister, himself a Tutsi, will attend the mass burial of the massacre victims in the remote hills of central Burundi. Many believe the last hope of peace for the tiny African nation will disappear into the grave alongside the blood-soaked bodies.

The massacre at Bugendena is being blamed on extremists among the majority Hutu group. There are fears that the Tutsi-dominated army will exact a terrible revenge for the killings and that Burundi will descend into an irreversible cycle of violence similar to the one in neighbouring Rwanda two years ago.

Under pressure from the international community, Mr Nduwayo was persuaded to join President Sylvestre Ntibantunganga, a Hutu, in agreeing that only outside assistance the intervention accord was seen as a significant breakthrough in bringing peace to Burundi. Under its terms, a force of Ugandan, Tanzanian and Ethiopian peace-keepers would have moved into Burundi



Left to rot: Flies settle on the arm of a victim of Bugendena. The body had been removed from the camp where the ma

government, a fragile coalition of Hutu and Tutsi parties.

There have been signs that beginning to falter in face of mounting pressure from the army and from the Tutsi community. On the streets of Bujumbura during the past week, thousands of Tutsi youths have been protesting against intervention. They fear it will neutralise the army and open as soon as deployment details the way for genocide by Hutu were agreed by Burundi's extremists. Yesterday hordes

of youths brandishing sticks ran through the capital, chapting slogans against intervention.

The massacre at Bugendena seems to have swept away any lingering doubts in the Prime Minister's mind about foreign assistance. Without his support the peace plan cannot succeed. Unless the other members of the National Security Council persuade Mr Nduwayo to change his mind, the intervention accord appears to be in tatters and Burundi is on its own.

The events at Bugendena have given rise to heightened emotions in Bujumbura and Tutsi hardliners to resign. "These could be exploited by

the extremists. The militias will only become more active if there is an intervention force. As he spoke, more than 7,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees were fleeing northwards towards

from their camp in northern

Rwanda, having been evicted

Burundi by the authorities. By yesterday afternoon, about 5,500 refugees had crossed over the border into Rwanda and an have taken to the hills

About 85,000 Rwandan Hutus have been living in Burundi since the war which ended the Rwandan genocide in 1994. They are seen as a source of instability by Burundi's government. It says it will now close all four camps in the north of the country. Rwandan Hutus neighbouring Zaire have been accused of organising the killings at Bugendena.

The expulsion of the Hutu Tutsis at Bugendena mark a new and frightening degree of polarisation between Burundi's posals for a peace-keeping force close to collapse, there is little to prevent an escalation of the conflict in which hundreds of civilians are dying each month.

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## rampage in a city gripped by

Every morning hundreds, some times thousands, of Tutsi youths run through the streets of Burundi's capital, Bujumbura, chanting slogans. Dressed in running shorts and tracksuits, they pound through the city, waving sticks and clubs.

"We're going to fight to the death and we're going to win." one group sang yesterday. "Let us fight. They provoked us."

The identity of "them" is not in doubt amongst those watching the demonstrators, members of the minority Tutsi community. "They" are the Hutu extremists who massacre Tutsis in the lush and fertile hills of this central African nation. "They" are the Hutu killers who slaughtered more than 300 inhabitants of a remote, mainly Tutsi settlement at Bugendena in central Burundi this weekend. "They" are the people the protesters believe will butcher every Tutsi, given half a chance.

#### Bujumbura's angry students insist peace-keepers will fuel genocide

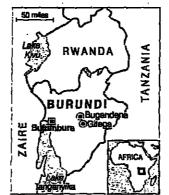
Hutu but the Tutsi minority has traditionally beld power and dominated the army. In Rwanda, where the ethnic mix is similar, Hutus slaughtered half a million Tutsis in 1994; the Tutsis struck back, sending hundreds of thousands of Hutus

into exile, many to Burundi. Burundi already has its own civil war. More than 150,000 have been killed in ethnic violence since the first democratically elected Hutu president was assassinated in 1993. But now, as the violence rapidly escalates, there are fears that Burundi, like Rwanda, will witness genocide. Bujumbura is now a Tutsi town, having been "cleansed" of almost all its

About 85 per cent of Bu-rundi's 6 million people are dominated army last year. Amid much bloodshed, the Hutus were driven into the hills and into camps, such as the squalid Johnson Centre, on the outskirts

of the city. At least two Rwandan Hutu refugees died of suffocation yesterday after Burundi's army crammed them in container trucks and forced them back into their homeland, a UN official said. The deportations followed the Hutu massacre of Tutsis in central Burundi.

The youths in Bujumbura are protesting against the proposed intervention of African peace-keeping troops whose deployment in Burundi was agreed at a regional summit in Tanzania last month. The ini-



tiative, which the West and the Organisation of African Unity support, is seen by many as Burundi's only hope for peace.

But Tutsi youths see things differently. Extremist Hutu elements could finish their genocidal mission under the cover of a regional force," says Oscar Nyanawi, a university student leader.

intervention threatens Burundi's sovereignty. If the army hasn't got the manpower, it should call up all young people." Equally opposed to foreign intervention are Hutu extrem-

ist groups, such as the CNDD and its rebel militia the FDD, which is being held responsible for the killings at Bugendena. Hutu rebels, members of the former Rwandan army, overthrown by Tutsi insurgents in 1994, are spoiling for a showdown to settle the score. They have been infiltrating Rwanda and Burundi from the refugee

cames in Zaire where they are

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Some are murdered by Hutu extremists similar to those who descended on Bugendena. Others are killed by the largely Tut-si army whose "cleansing operations" against Hutu communities are often violent.

The students taking part in the demonstrations say their movement is apolitical. They say they only carry batons "pour s'encourager", to give themselves encouragement.

There are many, however, who believe the youths are organised by Tutsi extremists. Principal among these bard-liners is a former president, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, who has been calling for strikes and civil disobedience to resist foreign intervention. The UN has repeatedly talked about bringing an international peace-keeping force to stop the bloodshed in Burundi.

But this year it became clear the West had lost its appetite forintervening in Africa. UNoperations in Somali and Rwanda ended in failure and few world leaders want to ensnare themselves in Burundi's politics.

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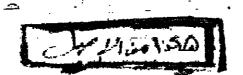


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s they moved around the towns and counties of England the Local Government Commission found something startling. It was so unwelcome it got Sir John Banham, the Commission chairman, sacked. It led Labour to decry the Commission and all its works. And what was that great, that controversial discovery? The Commission found, on the basis of an exhaustive set of polls, you could not impose some central pattern - such as "unitary" councils - because (wait for it) places are different. Some are loved. a few are loathed and some leave their inhabitants pretty indifferent. It is a message we need to have in the forefront of our minds in thinking about any plan for the future of our moribund local democracy - whether that plan comes from the district councils or from Tony Blair. It is especially relevant to an idea as attractive as directly elected executive mayors. Let us say it plain and say it loud: a single plan to suit all circumstances just won't work. Both government and opposition often seem locked in a mindset that seems to owe something to the Norman conquerors of the 11th century, and to Sidney and Beatrice Webb's passion for uniformity and, latterly, that peculiar Thatcherite intolerance of political and spending diversity. It's one that forbids experiments and untidiness. It dislikes hybridity. Yet variations around the theme, some successful, some fail-

ures, are precisely what we need. They are very British.

Yet local differences have diminished. People's jobs, their mobility, their expectations of a standard education for their children and care for their ulderly relatives has led to more uniformity. But the places of England (Scotland and Wales answer to their own logics) remain different enough. No single template can provide effective services; no one model for town hall organisation can possibly fit the variety of local circumstances. The correct response to anyone, who comes up with one formula for all - including elected mayors - is this. Will it fit both Northampton (where attachment to place is weak) and Rugby (where it is strong)? What might just about work in Birmingham, given its proud tradition of municipal activism, would not work in, say, Solihull, where it sometimes seems local identity is defined as not-Brum.

What is needed therefore is what the centre is so reluctant to offer - space for towns and cities to come forward with their own suggestions. A wise council, wanting change, might even hold a referendum. (Councils already have extensive powers to conduct such tests of public opinion.) An expert body such as the Local Government or Audit Commissions could cast an eye over arrangements for elections and then ... let a thousand mayors bloom.



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Provided mayors are what the people of X think X needs.

Mayors are, of course, no panacea, Reorganising the workings of city hall does not solve any of the wider problems of central-local relations or the need to establish local finances on a more even keel. It is idle to look across the Atlantic or the Channel and extract one element from those very different political cultures. Starry-eyed admirers of New York's dynamic Mayor Giuliani should remember the granddaddy of urban political manipulators, Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago - municipal projects come at a price. Most mayoral

systems will need to include within them some arrangement for a (nonexecutive) council to monitor and where necessary censure the mayor. What a central local figure or mayor offers is a golden opportunity for inserting local government into the modern world. In that world the media increasingly define significance. What attracts the media and what interests the public is personality. And personality is what, proverbially, local government lacks. Love or loathe him, Ken Livingstone made London government live and it was not just a question of his milking the millions of rate revenue flowing

anti-abolition campaign. Mr Living-stone did not save the GLC but his performance must rank as a model of what could be. And who knows what might have happened to the administration of Lambeth had an aspiring young Con-servative seen his future lie in becoming the mayor of that problem-wracked but potential-filled borough?

Elected mayors would force the political parties to redefine what a political career looks like. Time and again we have seen that dreary move from Mr Big City into backbench obscurity. They move partly because of money, partly because fame is defined nationally. The money question is on the way to solution: the present government (to its credit) has relaxed controls and councils can now, subject to audit inspection, pay councillors what they choose. The fame question is the most teasing, but answering it tells us why elected mayors is an idea whose time has surely come. One of the most striking sections of that odd glance at the future produced by Treasury civil servants and published last week amid such controversy was its tentative suggestion that the governance of Britain could head down a different road - one involving the dispersal and sharing of political and administrative power, devolving decision making and spending. Down that road lies the revival of local executive government. Elected mayors are no

into the Greater London Council for his precondition of such a (welcome development. But they are a sign an symbol of what local authorities coul look like in a new age. To go any fu ther and start specifying the form an nature of mayoralty would be to defer the purpose of the exercise. Mayors ca only ever possess authority if the power grows out of a local political cor text and reflects its idiosyncrasie What the centre needs to do is get or of the way.

#### Students on trial

n households up and down the land Lyoung people are beginning the nai biting season. Term has ended an cohorts of 16- and 18-year-olds wait for their exam results. It seems they hav a friend in a high educational place Secretary of State Gillian Shephard ye terday took their part against the fogey She had the political temerity to say th candidates deserve some credit for having, most of them, worked the socks off. Hear, hear. The agenda fo reform in schools and colleges is wid but that does not excuse what we hav so often heard from Tory antediluvians if the results are good, exams ar deemed to be easier. That won't do, sai Mrs Shephard. Credit where credit due. It belongs fairly with those youn people now entering their time of tria

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Dealing with the ugly truth of abortion Sir: I'm a 32-year-old feminist antiabortionist. There are many, many women like me, but we are mostly cowards. We don't speak out at dinner parties, or in the office, or at the toddler group, because who can say who we may be hurting? Most of my age group have been close to

revelations about the "partial birth" method of abortion painful (comment, 18 July).

There are times when otherwise civilised societies suffer from moral convulsions, when decent people fall prev to a shared moral blindness. In my lifetime, roughly the 30 years since David Steel's Abortion Act, an almost complete reversal of medical ethics has turned child killing into a minor procedure, and euphemisms like "termination" and "uterine contents" have protected us from the knowledge of what we are doing. We have declared that the

an abortion, in one way or another.

Many of us are finding current grim

assertion has comforted us. But we know more now. Every woman who has gazed at the scan photograph of her unborn child knows more than her mother did. Should we be surprised that recent medical research "strongly suggests" that the foetus feels the pain of having his or her brains sucked out, of being vacuumed into small pieces? We've left it to doctors and nurses to deal with knowledge like that.

unborn are not human, and the

It is unjust to leave women and health professionals to deal with the ugly truth of abortion. We condoned and financed 184,000 such private tragedies last year when we paid our taxes. It is painful to read about foetal suffering, but we need to make a responsible, not a knee-jerk decision about the future. If every child must be a wanted child, what do we do with the unwanted? If we conclude that we must kill them. can medicine at least help us to do it humanely? CRESSIDA EASTWELL Bewdley, Worcestershire

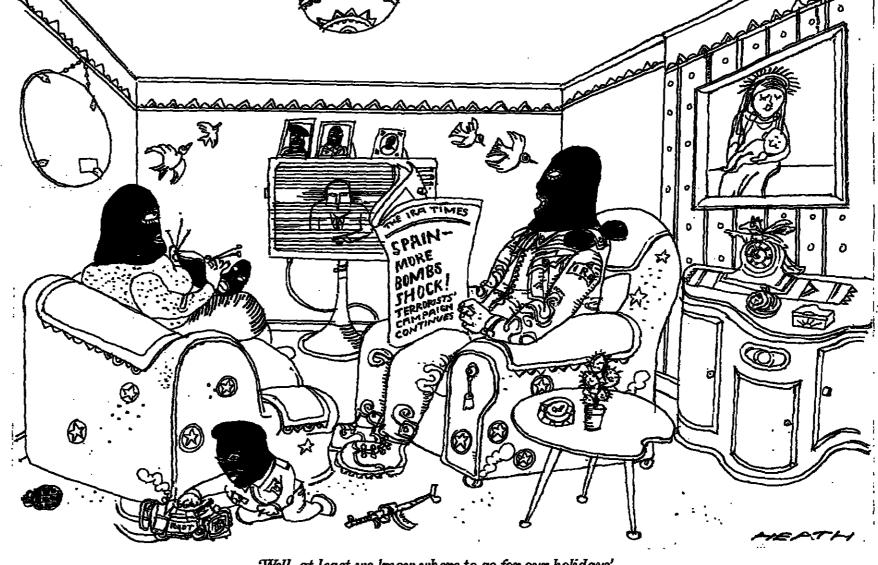
Sir. To say women "choose" to have abortions for "social reasons" is to put sweet words to a much more bitter reality. Women are forced to have abortions for economic reasons. They can't afford the loss of essential earnings that baving a

child entails.

A viable family unit presently needs two adult incomes to be solvent, bringing up children requires more time than two parents going out to work full-time have available. To add to an already impossible situation, a good many male partners take themselves, and the major part of their incomes, away to a less stressful environment.

There will have to be many changes in society before women will be free to "choose" to have children once again. The most important, and one that hasn't been talked about since Eleanor Rathbone's pre-war fight for mothers and family allowances, is that women must be fully compensated for the enormous loss of earnings and hard emotional and physical work that rearing children entails.

Eleanor Rathbone was heeded. and a rudimentary child benefit was introduced, because society, then as now, was worried by a catastrophic fall in the birth rate. The post-war baby boom pushed the whole idea of "wages for mothers" off the political | its humanity and publicly thank her agenda, and since the 1960s Thomas | doctors for their sensitivity to the Malthus's anti-human, nasty right loss of her much wanted child. Her



Well, at least we know where to go for our holidays'

wing ideas about population growth have prevailed to such an extent that, at the end of the 20th century, we are beginning to see a decline in population, and the horrific prospect

of the "greying" of Britain.
Society needs babies, lots of them every year, filling up the place with beauty, novelty and hope. But society must pay for them, not individual women. EILEEN LAVIN London NW2

Sir: Bryan Appleyard's characterisation of the partial birth abortion procedure is one of the nastier pieces of misinformation I've recently come across. Contrary to his assertion that the procedure is "routinely used in America", the practice is actually so rare that only a handful are performed annually, and although the foetus's skull is indeed collapsed to allow its passage through the birth canal, the

baby is first painlessly euthanised. More crucial, however, and oddly absent from Mr Appleyard's rigorously moral tirade, is the fact that this late term procedure is only used in cases where the foetus is so severely handicapped - lacking a brain, for example - that it has no possibility of life. The agonising decision whether or not to carry such a tragically damaged foetus to term must belong to its parents and no one else: certainly not to the government.

Indeed, when the issue of partial birth abortion was brandished by conservative Republicans in Congress last year, it was a committed anti-abortionist mother who came forward to speak on behalf of the procedure, describe

account should be heard by each and every MP eager to score easy political points by condemning what Appleyard blithely terms "horrific ... butcherly]". JEAN HANFF KORELITZ

#### Hopewell, New Jersey, USA Do we live in a

meritocracy?

Sir: Yvette Cooper (report, 18 July) seeks to undermine my argument by pointing to the privileged backgrounds of Cabinet Ministers and Law Lords, yet I state explicitly that "my focus is on the 99 per cent of jobs below the clite stratum rather than on the one per cent

which constitute it.' She claims that the test results of children at 11 are, "as every parent knows", strongly influenced by parental encouragement and stimulation. But in the book I show that these test scores are by far the strongest predictor of job status later in life, even when we control for parental influences. I also show that, while parental encouragement can raise a child's motivation, it has little effect on

ability test scores. She dismisses my findings as nonsense" because she thinks the

middle-classes can still pass on their privileges to their children. Why, then, do 40 per cent of children born to middle class parents slide out of the middle class? The answer has more to do with ability and

Finally, she would have your

readers believe that I argue that

motivation than anything else.

the class system has collapsed" and | Why we need that "the playing field is level". In fact, my book states quite clearly: "I do not claim that Britain is a perfect meritocracy. The various advantages and disadvantages associated with different social clas origins do play some part in influencing people's occupational chances. The point is, however, that Britain is much more meritocratic than is generally believed." Professor PETER SAUNDERS University of Sussex

Sir: To describe the work of Professor Peter Saunders as deserving "serious attention" or "not quickly dismissed" or even sophisticated" is somewhat beyond the pale.

The reality is that for a long time the IEA (which publishes his work) has placed itself beyond the fringes of serious debate in this country, peddling a minimal state and selfhelp agenda which makes Newt Gingrich look moderate.

For evidence that Professor Saunders and the IEA are wrong, we simply have to look around us. Since 1979 the poorest 10 per cent of the population have become 18 per cent worse off whilst the richest 10 per cent have become 58 per cent better off, the number of people on non-means-tested benefit has doubled and life expectancy is still considerably worsened by class. Meritocracy? I think not. IAN CORFIELD

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## Robin Cook

Sir: It is for others to judge the merits of Steve Crawshaw's opinion of me ("Do we need Robin

Cook?", 22 July), but I do need to put right some of his alleged facts. First, I am accused of confusing Nigeria with Niger. There was no such confusion. The decision on extending sanctions against Nigeria was before ECOFIN in the week of that broadcast, and I was right both in fact and in principle in calling on the Government to support the continuance of sanctions.

Second, I am accused of not understanding the importance of qualified majority voting (QMV) for Europe. This is hard to reconcile with Labour's published policy documents which set out at great length our detailed position on the case for widening the use of QMV in Europe. I freely admit, though, that I have repeatedly stressed that we will only restore public support for the European project if we lift the European debate above the details of institutional reform and focus it on issues of concern to the public, such as jobs, the environment, and

Third, I am accused of opposing tough action against those responsible for prosecuting the war in Bosnia. Steve Crawshaw has obviously never listened to any of my many speeches on Bosnia, in which I repeatedly orged that the military defence of the safe havens should be made a reality, and in which I consistently demanded that those responsible for atrocities should be brought before the War Crimes Tribunal.

Fourth, it is alleged that "friends of Mr Cook" believe that concerns over the future of the rule of law in Hong Kong are "bourgeois crap". This is pure invention. Neither I nor any friend of mine believes any such thing. My own concerns about the future of legal and democratic rights in Hong Kong were set out recently and at length in the

Independens. Finally, I am set as a test of my principles whether I will support sanctions against Burma. If is a question that we have already answered unequivocally. Labour has already demanded that the Government votes in the European Union for sanctions against the brutal military regime in power in Burma, and would ourselves vote for sanctions if we represented Britain.

Mr Crawshaw's unprovoked assault and battery is all the more depressing as I am only too conscious that there is room for legitimate question about the nature of debate on foreign policy in Britain, and the responsibility for its faults of those of us who conduct it. For instance, try as I might, it is difficult to avoid the agenda being set by responses to crises rather than analysis of strategic trends. I personally am particularly concerned at the neglect of global environmental issues which ought to play a much larger role in international relations. ROBIN COOK MP (Livingston, Lab) House of Commons

The writer is Labour spokesman for

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#### Labour's support for the arts

Sir. I have no idea whose opinions Andrew Mart has been canvassing when he draws the conclusion ("Ar lessons for New Labour", 17 July) that "almost everyone involved in the arts has come away depressed at the lack of interest" shown by th Opposition. After 17 years in which the cultural and educational foundations of Britain have been handed over piecemeal to the marketplace, the prospect of a change of government is one of the few aspects of the next 12 months, that is not depressing me.

New Labour has been

meticulous and exhaustive in testing its ideas among my
colleagues in the artistic world, and has shown a healthy awareness thaaudiences and communities. supported by a humane and undivisive education system, are the lodestar that should guide any cultural policy. This is scarcely surprising. It was the Labour Party that planned the Festival of Britain founded the Open University, brought the talents of Jennie Lee and Lord Goodman into the leadership of arts provision and, despite the frequent tiffs between Harold Wilson and the media, presided over a golden age of British broadcasting in the Sixties

and mid-Seventies. It was a sympathetic Labour administration that allowed the Sadler's Wells Opera to grow into English National Opera and hundreds of thousands of operagoers each year have reason to be thankful to a party that seems to believe that the greatest artistic creations are for everyone, regardless of their means or

origins. DENNIS MARKS General Director English National Opera London WC2

Sir: It should be applauded that the Labour Party is the only political party ever to publish a policy statement on architecture and urban design, in 1992.

Since then Labour has consulted widely on its policy in a series of seminars, and is currently holding detailed meetings with architects, planners and others to discuss the guidelines which will help all departments of an incoming Labou government become good clients, commissioning well-designed public buildings and spaces and getting value for money by backing the great design talent in this country. Sir RICHARD ROGERS London W6

Sir. Certainly William Morris wanted to integrate the city with the country", as you state in "Art lessons for New Labour", but his backwards-looking dream of a romantic medievalism coupled with the less useful part of the Arts and Crafts movement only gave us suburbia, those long miles of bypass, and Tudorbethan ribbon developments throughout the 1920s and 1930s. PATRICK HODGKINSON Bath, Somerset

#### The gringo Nova

Sir: With respect to the discussions about the naming of the Nova car (report, 13 July, letters 16 and 20 July), they have the right name but the wrong car. The subject of the Urban Legend in question is the Chevrolet Nova. It was produced it. the USA, and the target of the unfortunate Spanish marketing campaign was Mexico. SIMON REAP

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# From total war to local war: it's a revolution

For centuries we prepared to wage all-out conflict. The rule was, don't interfere in civil wars. But now we do little else. Christopher Bellamy examines the new military world order

he breakdown of the ceasefire in Ireland. The slow but. so far, encouraging progress of peace in Bosnia. The spectre of another Rwanda-type disaster in Burundi, and of the international community trying to intervene to stop it. Three apparently unrelated events. yet each forms part of an astonishingly complex revolution. It is the most dramatic revolution in our thinking about war and peace for at least 200 years, and in some ways for 35ff years. After the Cold War con-

frontation, with its potential for a war more "absolute" in its destructiveness than any that had preceded it, we have returned to a situation that in some ways resembles the later colonial period, and in others the 18th century. However, the growing role of the media in shaping international public opinion and the presence of an international authority to oversee the rule of law between states - the United Nations has made a difference.

The clear distinction between "war" and "peace" - a product of nearly 200 years in which wars got bigger and involved more and more of society - has reen blurred again, as we con-Limplate continuous engagement in other peoples' wars.

In the early 19th century. Karl von Clausewitz, the military strategist, wrote that his era was seeing the end of "cabinet wars", 18th-century wars fought by small, professional, mercenary armies for limited objectives. "War was handed back to the [mass of the] people from whom it had been taken away. in part, by the use of select,

standing armies." Now it has been taken away again, as we fight highly political wars for precise objectives. Even the countries that have the longest traditions of mass conscript armies - France and Russia - have recently returned, or shown signs of returning, to an 18th-century model with small

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professional armies to fight small, professional wars. The idea that we should

intervene in other people's wars - civil wars - to enforce international standards of behaviour takes us back even further. Back beyond 1648, when the delegates at the Peace of Westphalia ended the terrible international and religious Thirty Years War, which had raged across the whole of Europe. They then agreed a principle which lasted almost 350 years that what happens within a nation state is that state's business and nobody else's. Diplomacy, war and peace were conducted on that principle. There were civil wars, but "real" wars took place between nations.

No longer. The latest yearbook from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute confirms that the

a year, half the army at least is called into action for real. We are clearly not at peace, either. As this newspaper suggested last month, we may be seeing the end of "war" and "peace".

We are certainly living through the biggest revolution in strategic thought since at least the time of Karl von Clausewitz (1780-1831). Most educated people have

heard of Clausewitz, but few have read him. His picture comes as a surprise: a sensitive, youthful face, like the writer and philosopher he was, beneath a slightly eccentric, romantic and Second World wars. Far explosion of curty hair. This was the man whom

Basil Liddell Hart, one of Britain's leading military theorists this century, described, wrongly, as "the Mahdi of mass and mutual massacre". Nothing could be further from the truth. Christophei

> reporting from Photograph: Greg Williams/

Bellamy



30-odd "major armed conflicts" under way last year were all internal, civil wars. Yet the armed forces of Britain and The implications are pro-

foundly uncomfortable. In the end, we may have to ditch some of our most cherished preconceptions. We are not now at war. We

were not at "war" in the Falklands, either, nor were we at "war" in the Gulf. Yet now we have 18.500 British soldiers in Northern Ireland and 11,000 in Bosnia – a quarter of Britain's "peacetime" army on active service. There are another six months, so in the course of Union at the end of the Amer-30,000 ready to take over every

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In the horrors he witnessed during the Napoleonic wars, Clausewitz saw warfare slipping from the leash of political France, to name only two major restraints, striving to follow its have never been busier. own logic and threatening to for which it was waged.

Clausewitz, who insisted war must remain a tool of politics, was issuing a warning. But subsequent generations blamed him for the slide into "total war" that followed. It was not only a question of 19th-century developments in technology, but of social organisation, as states were able to impose their will on the populace to a greater extent.

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ican Civil War, and reached its full extent in the First and Second World wars. Every aspect of national life was directed towards the war effort. The political objectives for which the wars were started were forgotten as total victory became the only goal.

Then came nuclear weapons As Professor Richard Overy has argued, they made war more absolute - in the sense that it became possible to annihilate the human race. But they did not necessarily make it more from mobilising the entire resources of the nation to fight in various ways, most of the population, in planning for nuclear

war, was written off. Right through the 1980s, the two great military blocs prepared for Armageddon while realising that in such circumstances, war, as a tool of any rational politics, made no sense Then came the end of the Cold War, in 1989, and the break-up of the Communist empires,

coinciding with the Gulf war.

The result has been utterly dramatic. Like the revolutions in science analysed by Thomas Kuhn, revolutions in warfare embody all the characteristics

of paradigm shift. A paradigm, Kuhn explained, is a whole package of assumptions, procedures and practices that together make up the way the scientific community - in this case, strategists - go about their business. Many of the changes have been around for a while. But suddenly they all coalesce, and there is a revolution. They are often associated with one individual: Copernicus in astronomy, Newton and Einstein in physics, for example. But in fact they embody many ideas that have been circling on the sidelines for years.

So with our new paradigm. In the shadow of total war, smaller, though often still significant wars continued, partly because full-scale conflict between the nuclear-armed powers was too dangerous, and partly because the vast investment necessary to prepare for full-scale nuclear war left nations vulnerable to

alternative approaches. Seventies theories of guerrilla warfare, and what used to be called "low-intensity operations", all have some relevance to the new world order. But so too do the sophisticated military technologies and tactics developed for the Third World War. Many of them, including the US Air Land Battle doctrine and precision-guided munitions - proved ideal for smaller wars where avoiding casualties - your own and the enemy's - was crucial. The 1991 Gulf war and the operations against the Bosnian Serbs in summer 1995 are the prime The complete listening and examples.

o far I have avoided all

Sight of the Olympic Games, except for an

accidental glimpse of a Bul-

ernment, not in defence of any But alongside all this, which vital western interest, as the pointed to a return to small. recapture of Kuwait had been, professional, highly disciplined but in defence of the oppressed. 18th-century armies, manoeuvring with precision and often

This phenomenon is perhaps the most extraordinary part of thinkers now recognise we no longer just fight "wars of neces-- wars where our immediate vital national interests are affected. We fight "wars of choice" including, in some cases "wars of conscience".

eignty no longer stands, and was never so absolute as it was These wars of conscience are clearly driven by moral out-The previous year, just after rage, often fanned by the media. But they are also a

the decision to intervene to help the Iraqi Kurds, against result of changes in the interthe will of the Iraqi govern-

ments, Xavier Perez de Cuellar wrote something similar. "We are witnessing what is probably an irresistible shift in public attitudes towards the belief that the defence of the oppressed in the name of morality should

support of civil author-

ity, our new paradigm has

another element. As the UN

Secretary General, Boutros

Boutros-Ghali, wrote in 1992:

absolute and exclusive sover-

conceived to be in theory".

The centuries-old doctrine of

This was not merely pre-Clausewitz. This was going back before the Peace of Westphalia. to an era when wars were fought on grounds of international morality and theology. Some 20,000 troops were moving into northern Iraq without the consent of the Iraqi gov-

sophisticated apparatus - get-

ting the right number of bean

bags on the course, or clearing

the track of hoops after the

hoop race takes some organ-

ising, yet it all went like clock-

work. And if there were any

national scene. We live in a global society. Many would irgue that there is no direct British national interest involved in Bosnia, never mind the more distant mountain forests of Rwanda and Burundi. But if you belong to a global society, and have a seat at the top table of the world governing body, you cannot separate your vital interests from your responsibilities to the world community. That appears to be the attitude of the present Conservative govern-ment, and also of a future

Labour government. You do

what you do well. You punch above your weight. The change in attitude can

be plotted fairly precisely, to just after the Gulf war. The operation to protect and feed the Kurdish refugees in Iraq in April 1991 was the first of ple of an international military operation of this type, apart from the Congo in 1960-64. A UN force under the command of the UN Secretary-General, complete with its own air force, was initially committed to a

peace-keeping task, which later switched to peace enforcement". It was a unique, remarkable foretaste of what was to follow three decades later. However, all the new-style interventions in other peoples wars have taken place in what

are called "weak" or "failed" states. The international community was prepared to intervene in Iraq, broken by the Gulf war. It was prepared to intervene in Bosnia after the Bosnian government proved incapable of withstanding attack by the rebel Serbs. The international community is still not ready to intervene in big, powerful well-organised states. Northern Ireland is one example. Chechnya is another. The slaughter and atrocities in Chechnya and the media coverage they received - would

paw, there was much muttering. But this was not a puppy to be scolded. This was a bear. They left him alone.

Half a century after the UN Charter was written, it remains changed. It was written in the aftermath of the Second World War, when the "United Nations" were, in fact, the victorious powers. It concentrates overwhelmingly on international peace and security. It contains nothing about traditional peacekeeping - the UN's most successful, if accidental, stock-intrade. And certainly nothing about the whole new spectrum of intervention operations that has opened up between traditional peace-keeping and war. When the UN was created, many envisaged it would have its own armed forces, able to intervene swiftly, untrammelled by national interests and domestic political concerns, Instead, it trawls around for forces, which usually arrive, as in Bosnia and

Christopher Bellamy is defence correspondent of the Independent' and has reported from the Gulf war. Bosnia and Chechnya. His new book, 'Knights in White Armour - the New Art of War and Peace, is published on Thursday by Hutchinson, £17.99. nuclear-armed superpower

Rwanda, too late. The same

may happen in Burundi. The

end of "war" and "peace" is a

global issue, and requires a

global response.



Out of the nightmare: Karl von Clausewitz, who first described the idea of total war, which culmin lashed out with its steel-shod

## We are not, however, ready to intervene in big, well organised states

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prevail over frontiers and legal

No sack race? What's Olympic about that?

Miles Kington

garian girl standing upside down on a piece of wood, but yesterday I did hear a report technical hitches, the organon Radio 4 that the athletes iser of the games herself, or themselves are unhappy at the what is technically called the arrangements in Atlanta, as headmistress, was there to call the organisation and transout: "Angela! Take that todport situation is said to be dler off the track, would you?" I bet they don't have a handsschool sports day did have in catastrophic. By coincidence I went to my on head of the organisation common with Atlanta, person's village school sports day like that in Atlanta. haps, was media coverage. I yesterday and the contrast was And there was a great spirit may have been the only parent tremendous. Everyone had of fairness abroad. It was not there who did not have a video fun, everything started on only the winner who got the camera to hand. Technology schedule, and everything was cheers, it was the losers as well. has clearly affected the games over before lunchume. Yes, In fact, in some races, the perin other ways as I noticed that the Olympic Games could

son who came last had more

The only thing that the

although one or two competi-tors did kick their golf bail a considerable distance before picking it up again, which is not entirely in the spirit of school sports.

On the other hand, I

noticed that most competitors

have initiated massive inter-

vention had they not taken

place in Russia. When the

in the hurdle relay, if they knocked a hurdle off, turned round and went back and put the hurdle back on again before going on with the race. This was not part of the rules. It was simply an instinct for tidiness and order instilled in them by the school, and even if it tended to cost them the race, I think it shows the right attitude. Would not the Olympic hurdles races be improved if those runners who knocked their hurdles over had to go back and stand them up again instead of leav-ing a trail of havoc behind? I

think so. One other point of technique is worth mentioning. I noticed that nobody had quite decided which was the best

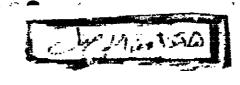
way to get into their sack when the whistle blew for the start whether to stand and put one leg in after the other, or sit and put the sack over both legs, then try to get up. Of course, you won't learn anything about this from the Olympic Games, because they don't have sack races at the Olympic Games, only really silly events like the women's 10-metre air pistol shooting

and softball and synchronised swimming.... No, if it comes to a choice between Westwood School Sports Day and the Olympics, give me Westwood any day. No drugs, no tears, no commentators muttering, "She'll have to do better than this on the parallel bars if she is to stay in contention," no pretence that baseball is an international game or that Andre Agassi is an amateur, no false starts to any race, organisation like clockwork, prizes for everyone and no sign of a

national anthem anywhere.

#### none of the egg and spoon learn a lot from Westwood cheers than the winner. races were egg and spoon at all; they were golf ball and Indeed, I noticed that the peo-For a start, it was compact. ple who came just last were It started at 9.30am and was all spoon. not cheered half as much as I also noticed that anyone over by 11.30am. During that those who came a long way who dropped their golf ball in time more than 40 events had last and were in danger of the egg and spoon race had to been run, ranging in com-plexity from the bean-bag race being overtaken by the leaders pick it up again using only the spoon, not their other hand, of the next race. to the mothers' egg and spoon

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The dangerous 'remedies': National Poisons Unit experts want Chinese specimens to be gathered and catalogued

## Beware: herbs that can do you harm

ROGER DOBSON and LIZ HUNT

A national collection of Chinese herbs should be set up at Kew gardens to reduce the incidence of poisoning from traditional remedies, according to a group of senior doctors.

More than 100 cases of poisoning linked to the use of Chinese and other traditional remedies will be listed in a new report which follows a twoyear investigation by doctors into the increasing use of "nat-ural" drugs in the UK.

There is mounting concern about the lack of control over imported raw Chinese herbs used to make up such remedies here. There is also concern about the content of pre-packed formulations. Some herbs are badly contaminated with beavy metals and other toxins while others have been wrongly labelled and sold on as a particular herb when they may be

something quite different. Serious liver damage is among the side-effects that have been blamed on the use of toxic alternative medicines and there has been at least one death in the UK. Thirteen cases of serious digestive upset were also reported last year and leading medical journals regularly print letters from doctors with patients who have suf-fered alarming side-effects from

various remedies. The proposed herbarium at Kew, which would cost around £500,000 and house at least 500 types of herb, would be the first of its kind outside China, and it is estimated that it would be self-financing after four years.

Alternative remedies have been studied by the National Poisons Unit at Guy's Hospital, London, and a report on the findings will be published shortly by the Ministry of Agri-culture. Fisheries and Food.

We feel very strongly that there is an urgent need to set up the collection because we are getting so many complications and poisonings," Dr Virginia Murray, consultant toxicologist who heads the traditionalremedies project at the unit, said. "Some of these herbs are quite frightening and there have been terrible cases of liv-

Ken Lloyd, president of The Register of Chinese Herbal Practitioners, and a clinical practitioner and lecturer in the subject, welcomed the call for a national herbarium. "The first rule for any practitioner. Chinese herbalist or conventional doctor is 'do no harm'." he said. "Patient safety is our number one concern and we will support anything that encourages a responsible attitude."

The report is expected to recommend increased monitoring of the booming market in alternative remedies, now worth millions of pounds. A number of universities have been setting up degree courses in the subject; Westminster advertises a BSc in traditional Chinese medicine.

There have recently been calls for a registration scheme for practitioners.

Doctors were warned last week in the British Medical Journal about the possibility that a herbal product contain-ing an adulterant berb which can damage the central nervous system had been imported.

Dr Murray said: "There is an urgent need for proper and continuing surveillance. The effects we have found range from minor to significant poisoning



## Medicinal cowboys who cash in and put lives at risk

More than one billion people. a quarter of the world's population, rely on traditional Chinese medicines, derived from herbs and other natural products, to treat major and minor ailments.

The efficacy of these herbal remedies, when used appro-priately by a skilled practition-er, is not in doubt. Even the most sceptical of orthodox doctors recognise that 4,000 years of experience and a vast store of clinical data is difficult to argue with. Traditional Chi-

success in treating the symptoms of many illnesses, from multiple sclerosis to infertility.

Carol Newall, pharmacist and author of Herbal Medicine: a guide for healthcare practitioners, says the tradition has "a huge amount" to offer Western medical practice - but safe-guards are necessary. "In Chi-

na there are cultural safeguards built into the system," she said. In Britain, the interest in Chinese herbal medicines can be linked to the publicity surrounding the skill of Dr Ding Hui Luo, a practitioner in Chinatown, in Soho, Lendon, who has been selling her acclaimed nese medicine (TCM) has had remedy for eczema for almost

15 years. Some skin specialists culture and the National Poisrefer patients to her, and her remedy will soon be available as a pill, developed by a "herbiceuticals" manufacturer

But practitioners of TCM acknowledge that the explosive growth of interest in TCM here and throughout Europe has generated problems.

The TCM market has become extremely lucrative, and cowboy practitioners and irre-sponsible importers can put at risk the health - even the lives - of consumers. Side-effects due to toxic ingredients or contaminants in Chinese remedies, which prompted the investigation by the Ministry of Agrions Unit, are not uncommon. originate from plants, such as the heart drug digoxin which In addition, the raw herbs may have been exposed to pescomes from foxgloves.

Ken Lloyd, president of the Register of Chinese Herbal ticides, heavy metals and other contaminants. Imported, pre-Medicine, said there are 120 packaged Chinese medicines have also been found to contain practitioners on the voluntary traces of conventional drugs, such as steroids, but there is no register who have satisfied a nimum requirement of training. This includes two years of indication of this on the label. training in Western anatomy, Every major town and city in physiology, and pathology; three years of diagnosis, and two Britain now has at least one TCM clinic, surgery or shop. The demand for gentler alteryears of the philosophy and natives to synthetic drugs is practice of Chinese herbal medphenomenal but the fact that a icine with a study visit to China

or Vietnam if possible. However, the number of

represents only a quarter of the total number of practitioners, some of whom may have had only the most basic of training

or even no training at all.
"People should be warned that if a practitioner spends only five minutes with a patient before selling them something then they are probably not get-ting the standard of treatment they should," Mr Lloyd said. "An experienced practitioner would not prescribe anything

without taking a full history."
Mr Lloyd is also spearhead ing a campaign to persuade importers to introduce quality control tests on berbs they sell practitioners on the register on to practitioners.

The herbs most commonly used in Chinese medicine: Bo He (Chinese mint) - cold and sore throat or sore eyes.

Sheng Jiang (common ginger) - nausea, indigestion. Classified as "warm" - do not use in cases of fever.

Dang Gui (angelica root) - period pains; poor circulation. Also classified as "warm".

Ching Pi (newly-dried peel of mandarin orange) - abdominal

Chen Pi (matured dried peel of mandarin) - abdominal distension, imitable bowel, phlegm on the chest. Known as 'warming" and "drying". Not to be used for dry cough or fever.

Gou Qui Za (bright red berries) - failing eyesight, dryness of the eye. Not to be used if patient has indigestion.

Yi Zhi Ren (black cardamom) - diarrhoea.

Sha Rea (common cardamom) - morning sickness,

Fi Fi Ran (Chinese barley) - cellulite; sluggish lymphatic system: carbuncles.

Ren Shen (Ginseng - "man root") - general tonic; especially digestive and lung disorders. "Warming" and "drying" prolonged overuse can lead to lethargy.

Note: Herbs are almost always prescribed in combination. The Regist of Chinese Herbal Medicines advises that in some cases the only prescribed respedies listed above may be unsuitable, and that herbal remedies should only be used after consultation with an

Ben Summers

## Advertising industry's creative minds face questions of taste

MEG CARTER and MATHEW HORSMAN

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Sensitivity to sex, violence and profanity in UK advertising is on the increase, but are advertisers themselves in tune with public taste? The Advertising Standards Authority aims to find out next week, when it asks 150 creative directors at a halfday seminar to judge whether 18 controversial advertisements would find acceptance with the

general public. Following the informal survey, which will be conducted using high-tech electronic voting devices, the directors will be given the results of definitive research, sponsored by the ASA, into public attitudes to sex and

violence in campaigns. The Authority expects to unwhat passes muster with the public life."

Many advertising executives are wary of the exercise, how-ASA is too prudish, and should take greater account of where and when adverts run - for instance in a magazine for young "Why should the same standards apply for a poster campaign as for adverts in Loaded?" asked one industry executive.

Another added: "It's alright to be 'boys behaving badly', as long as the advertising reflects the culture." But not everyone believes the

industry is getting it right. Peter York, the style commentator, said: "The new Loaded

industry finds acceptable and refinement and daintiness in

Concern over overt sexual images and innuendo in par-ticular has been fuelled by reever. Some complain that the cent controversial campaigns. not least the UltraBra advert, picturing a reclining, scantily clad woman, with the slogan, "Who says a woman can't get adults, or on a bus shelter. pleasure out of something soft?" The ASA passed that advert, saying that viewers were likely to believe the reference was to the "sofmess" of the bra

in question. The timing of the seminar is unsurprising. In the latest fig-ures compiled by the ASA, the level of public complaints rose 33 per cent in 1995 to just over 12,800, and is running at about 25 per cent higher so far this ASA.

cism were adverts for Club 18-30, which ran its notorious 'Beaver Espana' campaign on poster sites until it was banned by the ASA, and a whole range of adverts from Benetton, the Italian clothing company, which uses strong images of race and sexuality to shift sweaters.

The Club 18-30 campaign, created by Saatchi & Saatchi, also featured a close-up picture of a man's boxers, complete with evident bulge, with the slogan "package holiday". This was meant to attract women to the Club's holiday destinations.

Most recently, ads for Vaux-hall, featuring "bondage" images of women and for Firkin beer ("You be Firkin legless") have created controversy at the

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## Gloves on and off in cricket libel trial

CLARE GARNER

The High Court is hardly the Oval, but a former England wicketkeeper yesterday took a trip down memory lane in the continuing cricket libel trial.

Bob Taylor was handed a new pair of wicket-keeping gloves by George Carman -representing Imran Khan - to illustrate exactly what he was doing in television footage from the 1982 Test match against India. "They may bring back memories for you," remarked Mr Carman. handing over the gloves. But

Botham and Allan Lamb, and a legendary adversary of Mr Carman - went one better. He whipped the originals out of his bag. Mr Taylor's old fashioned gloves had been retrieved from the Long Room at Lord's especially for the occasion.

Carman as Mr Taylor slipped his hands into the very gloves he wore in 1982. "Do you remember these gloves?"asked Mr. Justice

Charles Gray-representing Ian Mr. Taylor. "I probably wore these gloves when the incidents took place ...

Botham and Lamb, are suing Imran for libel over an "offensive personal attack" on them in the magazine India Today which called them racist, under-educated and lacking class and upbringing. Botham is also These will bring back even more memories," ceded Mr suing Imran over a story in the Sun which, he claims, accused him of ball-tampering.

imran alleges that when Botham threw a new ball to Taylor in the 1982 Test against In-French. "Very well." replied dia at the Oval. it was a breach one glove to the other."

of the laws of cricket. But Mr Taylor said there was nothing unusual in this, despite the fact that the BBC commentator Ted Dexter remarked that Taylor was giving the ball "a thorough going-over" and he had never

In 23 years of playing Test and county cricket with and against Botham, Mr Taylor said he had never seen him tamper with the ball. As for himself, he illustrated what he had been doing back in 1982: "Is that it?" asked Mr Carman. "Tossing it from

seen the likes of it before.



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# Birt supporter the delus appointed head of BBC2

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Mark Thompson, head of factual programmes at the BBC and veteran of the Nine O'Clock and veteran or the Nume of Cook.

News and Panoruma, was yesterday appointed the new controller of BBC2, beating five other short-listed candidates.

Known internally as a "Birtian" because of his close association with John Birt, the BBC's director-general. Mr

BBC's director-general, Mr
Thompson, 38, said: The ability
of the channel to serve so many
people so well is what makes it
such a rich and interesting channel. I am determined to keep

that momentum up."
BBC2 has performed well above expectations in recent years, under the direction of Michael Jackson, who last month was named director of television and controller of BBC1 under a controversial Cab napping: A van driver soaking up the sun near Newport, Essex, yesterday, England's hottest day of the year, with temperatures reaching Photograph: Brian Harris 90F (32C) at RAF Marham, Norfolk, and at other spots. However, cooler weather was spreading in management restructuring. His replacement by Mr Thompson Photograph: Brian Harris



The new controller: Mark Thompson, head of BBC2

completes the main appointments under the reorganisation, which saw BBC1's former controller, Alan Yentob, become director of programmes for

BBC production. Mr Jackson, who was re-Mr Jackson, who was fe-sponsible for such BBC2 hits as Our Friends in the North and The House, a documentary about the Royal Opera House, said that Mr Thompson would bring "a great deal of intelligence and flair to the channel, and I think it is going to be a very interest-

it is going to be a very interesting watch for all of us.

Mr Thompson said: "The direction BBC2 is heading is the right one, and we must keep absolute faith with the BBC2 heading." He added that the heartland." He added that the channel has become more popular but has not lost sight of its mission to provide quality drama and documentaries.

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The appointment will have disappointed Paul Hamman, head of documentaries, who had

been widely tipped. One of the country's best known documentary film makers, he would have been a more "demanding but artistic choice", one BBC insider said. Also passed over was Jeremy Gibson, head of features at BBC Bristol.

Mr Birt had been criticised in recent weeks for his restructuring of the BBC's production and broadcasting operations. Mr Thompson yesterday defended the Birtian revolution. saying: "I'm convinced that the changes that John has suggested make sense, and I think over-all the way BBC has changed over the past few years has been a

or the better.

Mr Birt has also been criticised for having appointed only men to senior positions in his controversial restructuring. A BBC spokesman rejected the criticism yesterday, saving that there was had been more than one woman on the short-list.

BBC2 last year overtook Channel 4 as the country's third most popular channel, with an 112 per cent audience share.
Mr Thompson has been with the BBC since 1979, when he

was a production trainee. He became editor of the Nine O'Clock News in 1988 and editor of Panorama in 1990.

Sir Christopher Bland, BBC chairman, has written to all 242 MPs who signed a Commons motion seeking guaranmons motion seeking guarantees over the future of the World Service, telling them the corporation "can unhesitatingly give those guarantees". He promised that a dedicated team would tailor programming specifically for the service under proposed changes.

## Taxpayer foots £565-a-day consultant's bill "

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

A management consultant on a cost £450 government project charged a day, eight were £315 a day and four £280; five years, running up a total bill to the taxpayer of £678,000.

The figures were revealed in documents sent to the Independent which show an extraordinarily high level of billing by the project management and public relations consultants on the Crossrail scheme, set up to build a railway line linking Liverpool Street station in the east of London with Paddington in the west.

The Government announced earlier this year that the £2.6bn project was being postponed for at least 7 years, prompting some commentators to doubt if

it will ever go ahead. Under parliamentary questioning, Sir George Young, the Secretary of State for Transport, admitted that the project has spent £124m on external consultants. Most of these were designers, architects, engineers and surveyors. However, the papers sent to the Independent reveal that two firms of projectmanagement consultants had 44 staff working on the scheme full time for up to five years and were charging daily rates throughout that period. Many of the 44 were public relations consultants, some were community relations specialists, and a couple liaised with Parliament.

The documents raise further questions about the Government using consultants, instead of the much cheaper civil servants. The firms' staff had their own offices at the Crossrail headquarters and were, effectively, full-time employees of the London Transport-run project. As well as the individual

charging £678,000, the papers

£129,600 a year, giving a total over five years of £648,000;

Two of his colleagues each

■ Crossrail was paying the firms for secretaries at £195 a day, A freelance PR consultant charged Crossrail £400 a day. 52 weeks a year, since the taxpayer paid her even while she was on holiday, and she received free first-class rail travel to and from her home in rural Surrey.

The figures are made more stark by the fact that, according to a former employee on the Crossrail project, there was not much for the consultants to do. Many of the advisers' staff members spent much of their day, he said, reading newspapers and drinking coffee.

If the Department of Transport had given the go-ahead earlier this year, then the process of buttering up MPs, and persuading the press of its merits would have begun in earnest. But instead, the Government put the line on the back burner.

Hiring consultants on a daily basis rather than on shortterm contracts was, according to an internal project source, deemed necessary because the scheme could have been scrapped at a moment's notice, leaving the taxpayer to foot the bill for the outstanding terms on the contracts. In the event, it was not cancelled and the consultants enjoyed the option of charging a daily rate for five years.

A London Transport spokesman said: "Crossrail made no secret of the fact it has used consultants to fulfil very specialised roles and has always achieved

good value for money." Glenda Jackson, MP, Labour's spokeswoman on transport in London, said the situation was "scandalous" and ■ A management consultant who charged £540 a day, or of daily rates in the Commons. said she would raise the matter

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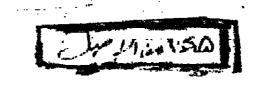
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# The delusion of being earnest

David Heathcoat-Amory's resignation may be principled, but it will not achieve its purpose

tor a man who has the distinction of being the first minister to resign explicitly over the single currency, David Heathcoat-Amory currency, David Heathcoat-Amory has always been oddly shy of the limelight. Until he walked out the junior Treasury post of Paymaster General yesterday, he has never much courted publicity. He had been glad, after an unhappy spell at the Foreign Office, to retreat into the bowels of the Treasury to grapple with the mindbending intricacies of European bud. bending intricacies of European budget negotiations and VAT. But once he had decided to go, back in May, he was deaf to entreaties to change his mind.

To understand why this will make Heathcoat-Amory such a hero on the Tory right, it's worth considering for moment the contrasting case of David Davis, the other minister to throw a tantrum on Europe in recent weeks. Indeed, Heathcoat-Amory's resignation will lend further currency to the charge that Davis - who threatened to resign from his job as Minister (State for Europe in the Foreign Office, and is now staying put - acted more out of personal ambition than on a clear issue of principle.

The anti-Davis version is that he was advised that to advance into the Cabinet he needed to express his deep discontent to John Major by "throwing a wobbly". One persistent suggestion is that he took the advice

too literally and that it came from Alan Clark, a patrician Tory with long experience of knocking on the Cabinet door - and whom he visited in Kent during his weeks of turmoil. He thought he could make a better job of running Agriculture than Douglas Hogg. And the last straw, amazing as such trifles seem to those outside the Westminster village, was the award in the Queen's Birthday Honours of a Privy Councillorship to David Curry, an able minister of the same rank and an ardent pro-European.

The pro-Davis version firmly rejects

all this. He sought out Major only to express his frustration about the increasingly aggressive federalism of Britain's EU partners and the Gov-ernment's failure, before the policy of non-cooperation, to make any headway in the beef crisis. He was partly talked out of resigning because it would have compounded the impact of Heathcoat-Amory's own departure, which was known to Major and had been hanging over the Govern-ment since May. And the story came out because of a black propaganda campaign by pro-Europeans intent on defending Hogg against widespread criticism over BSE.

But whatever the truth of the Davis affair, Heathcoat-Amory seems to have acted largely from favour of his most cherished objectives of policy rather than per-



DONALD MACINTYRE

A Clarke resignation would put the

Government at risk

sonal ambition. It is not true that Kenneth Clarke offered him the job Union. In two attempts to prevent him going. Clarke did suggest his junior minister might have more influence over, and access to, the dis-cussions on EMU being carried out by officials at the Treasury and the Bank of England, But to no avail. It is safe to assume, therefore, that by going where Davis feared to tread, Heathcoat-Amory thought he had a real chance of tipping the balance in favour of his most cherished objecto rule out a single currency in the

Despite the tremor he will cause by launching his campaign under the banner of the Bruges Group today, however, he won't succeed. The solemn pact the Cabinet struck in March to keep open the question of joining the single currency, shows every sign of holding. It's not merely that Clarke would go if the pact fell apart. It's also that Michael Heseltine and, at least as importantly given his own hostility to a single currency, Malcolm Rifkind, are robustly opposed to any attempt to re-open policy on monetary union before the general election. Three of Major's four most senior Cabinet ministers therefore accept the argument that Britain must Kenneth Clarke offered him the job of heading negotiations on the prepa-ration for European Monetary or not. What's more, it is utter fantasy to suggest that a Clarke resignation would not put the Government's survival at risk. A total of 20 ministers of state have already signed up to the pro-European Conservative Mainstream, an organisation that will hear a keynote speech from Douglas Hurd at its opening conference in September. Several of these might well follow Clarke out of the Government. And further defections to the Opposition

from the pro-European backbench left

could not be ruled out.

The one event that could change all that would be if Tony Blair decided to rule out a single currency. Right-wing Tories have shown an unhealthy fascination with last week's press hints that Blair might do just that. The more they are denied and Blair professes himself baffled by their provenance, the more they are intrigued. It's true that some quite prominent Labour frontbenchers will tell you privately that Britain is not tell you privately that Britain is not yet ready for a single currency. Yet even if Blair did not accept all the arguments set out on this page by Giles Radice, he isn't going to rule out a single currency, however tempting the short-term advantage might

It's not simply that much of the City and industry, freed from any incentive to collaborate in the the Tories' sullen neutrality on the issue, might swing in favour if and when Labour wins the election. By blindly sacrificing in advance the option of joining EMU, Labour risks before it is even elected the very market credibility it has so painstakingly sought to construct. Labour is not going to force Major to change his mind. Heathcoat-Amory is the hero of the hour on the Tory right. But it may be Davis who in the end had the shrewder reckoning of what a brick wall he was beating his head against.

## ... and the importance of staying single

A European common currency is too important to abandon for electoral gains, says Giles Radice

s Parliament goes into the summer recess, the LEurosceptics are making desperate efforts to get the Government and the main opposition party to rule out Britain joining a European sin-gle currency within the lifetime gle currency within the lifetime of the next parliament. The Paymaster General. David Heathcoat-Amory, has resigned, so he can put the arguments against the single currency, while 50 Eurosceptic Labour MPs have produced an activities of the surrange payment.

anti-single currency pamphlet. Last week, the Murdoch press published a story, strongly denied by the Blair office, that the Labour leader was about to announce that a Labour government would not join the single currency in the next parliament. The purpose of the story was presumably not merely to destabilise the Labour Party but to put extra pressure on the Conservative government.

I believe that it would be dis-astrous if any British govern-ment, Tory or Labour, ruled out joining a single currency. There is a strong economic and polit-ical case for Britain joining the European single currency. A single currency would save the foreign exchange and other transactional costs, amounting, according to the European Commission, to more than 15 billion ecus a year, equivalent to a trade tax for the UK of £3bn per annum, a cost which falls disproportionately on

exporters and small businesses. The crucial benefit, however, is the contribution a single currency would make to monetary stability and to ecobecause the risk premium attached to weaker currencies would no longer be necessary. Lower interest rates and a more stable economic environment would encourage more investment and trade and so stimulate extra growth. An authoritative study by Christopher Johnson, published last week by Penguin, estimates that the annual net gain for Britain from membership of the single currency would be a 0.5 per cent increase in the rate of growth, which would accumulate over 10 years to 6 per cent

In any case, the question for my British government is likely to be not so much, in principle whether a single currency is a good thing, but whether if France and Germany - along

with Austria, the Benefux countrics, and certainly one or two Scandinavian countries - go ahead with a single currency, Britain can sensibly stay out. It would be foolish for any British politician to underestimate the commitment to the single currency project by the over-whelming majority of the polit-ical and business class across the Continent. It is increasingly likely that the 1998 deadline will be met by a critical mass of

Imagine what would happen if the next British government announced that it had decided to stay out. Markets would assume that our decision-makers were wedded to currency depreciation. As a conse quence, British interest rates would also have to rise still further. Already the cost to the British taxpayer of the risk premium demanded by the

If we stay out, we will lose influence in key issues

markets is of the order of £5bn-£7bn. Higher interest rates would harm growth and employment.
Britain would lose influence

in the development of the single currency and probably other key European issues if we decided to stay out. The probability is that, even if we did decide to stay out, the markets would force Britain to join in humiliating circumstances, instead of a time of our own nomic growth. Interest rates should be significantly lower ronment for seeking the public support for British membership to which both Conservatives and Labour are committed.

The Conservative government and the Labour opposition must stand firm on their present policies of keeping the option of Britain joining the single currency. As regards the Labour leadership, it may be justified in being publicly cautious about entry. But behind closed doors, it should be planning for membership. And it should back the TUC's bold campaign to explain the advantages of a single European currency. Otherwise, the Eurosceptics could steal a march in winning over public opinion.

The writer is MP for Durham North (Lab) and chairman of the

# Let's hear it for the brothel

Legalised prostitution could provide centres of healthy satisfaction. Melvyn Bragg calls on Parliament to assent

irightened of thels? A colleague of mine who was working on a documentary about prostitution in the King's Cross area of London found a morass of disease, sleaze, drugs, blackmail, pimpviolence and official corruption.

Legised brothels could precombined weight and embarvent most of that.

brothels, the incidence of sexual abuse and the sexual abuse of children is lower than it is here. Yet what are we up to now? Parliament, at its most futile, has set up an All-Party Prostitution Group, led by Diane Abbot, which is kerbcrawling its way through the Commons and demanding, among other things, that prostitutes be given community service and clients arriving by car have their licences endorsed. Not a lot of humour in the All-

Party Prostitution Group.

Meanwhile sexual titillation is becoming torrential. Hennights assume the character of the Theatre of Riot - far more so than the tame little stagnights - and repro-Chippendales sweat down to their last spangled jock-strap and then begin wildly looking for the emergency exits as the lusts of Messalina surge through the thighs of suburbia.

Peter Stringfellow gets a police licence in the West End for "lap-dancing". I saw it on Richard Littlejohn's television programme - pubescents grind-

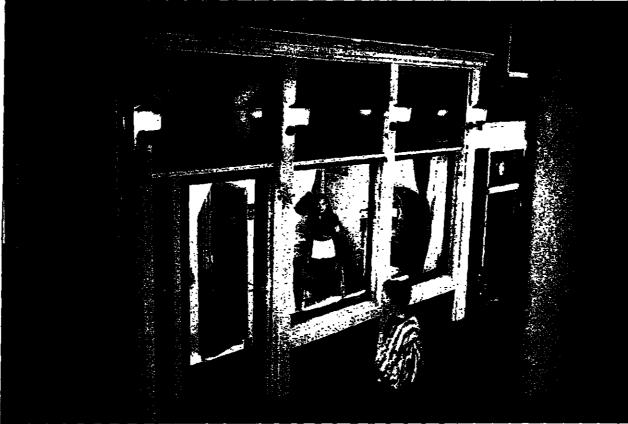
front of immobile males who feared to move in case they got arrested. In a prime West End theatre, a few yards from the Mother of Parliaments, a new show opens called Voyeur2 projects a lascivious performance that would have been banned in a Soho strip club not long ago. The top racks of newsagencies ent most of that.

In countries that tolerate private parts. Hollywood is damn-near explicit and latenight British TV is showing a determination not to be left out.

Which is fine by me, but in this environment brothels would seem to have everything to recommend them: health checks for both parties, panic buttons for the women or men selling their services, age control - and these are the least of what an entrepreneur like Richard Branson could turn into an opulent centre for "healthy satisfaction" ("Virgin Brothels" - what title could better suit the English?) But broth-

els remain off the agenda. Of course there will always be a minority on both sides of the transaction that wants the sleaze and the risk, and no doubt they will retain it even in the most brothelised of societies. But they are surely marginal to the main argument.

Meanwhile, there are a few small signs. In Edinburgh a limited experiment in legalised prostitution has achieved its aims, and there are improvements very similar to the suc-cesses secured in those few lucky areas that have been able depends on a universal accla-mation of monogamy and the lucky areas that have been able sacred shackles of the family,



A clean house: legalised prostitution lowers levels of disease, pimping and sexual abuse

to run an enlightened clean- and wonderful though this is for needle and controlled-drug policy. But it does not seem to be gathering moral support.

There is, of course, a traditional and legitimate objection to brothels from those who helieve that family values would be undermined, even more decisively than they are at pre-sent, were boltholes for promiscuity sanctioned by Parliament. This is a fair point; but alas its time appears to have gone, if indeed it was ever truly here at the time of high Victorian morality, the Strand was lined with child prostitutes. That view come from the press, and the

some, it does not take enough into account.

You simply cannot force everyone into the same-shaped hox. And for a thousand and one reasons there have been and there will always be men and women who want to seek paid sexual gratification. Allowing it to continue in its present dangerous way is cowardly.

But who will be the brave Horatio in the House of Commons and move the Bill and seek the support and withstand the hounding that could well

gale force 10 of the Brits in a high puff of morality? One suspects that no man could. This in my opinion is the true reason for the decline in our respect for Parliament: not its petty corruptions but the refusal of its members to do anything that might dent their electoral

prospects. Given the attitude to sex that certain media masters manipulate and exploit so cunningly in this country - alternately leering pompous, jeering hypocritical, pious prurient, everything but adult - the idea of legalising brothels is probably paralysed in its starting blocks. One hope remains, No man would dare to chance it. It

Photograph: John Voos would have to be a woman MP. She would need to be bold and tough; be known to know about sex and be interested in it and

be unafraid to talk about it; be unafraid of the spotlight when the arc lamps of publicity swing onto her; and a street fighter. I nominate Edwina Currie. Her private life is unimmidable. Her sexual explicit-

peachable. Her energy is forness - in her novels - seems cheerfully accepted by her fellow MPs, in whose chamber she locates many an erotic act. She could clean out the blocked drain in our ethical plumbing and emerge as a heroine of the people. Edwina Currie - your

## An identity crisis we should not be having

Rather than an assault on civil liberties, Frank Field's drive for a DNA fingerprint card is a just cause

genetic fingerprint of every tizen has just been proposed by frank Field, the Labour MP and thair of the Commons Social Security committee. He wants a universal labbase aimed at stamping out ben-DNA blood test virtually proves idenity. Mr Field would like the tests given o every baby at birth and to all newomers to Britain. His committee is whishing a report in the autumn, and thores that Labour will take it up 5 a firm policy.

Jurit that?

A wells of fright and indignation rected this suggestion. "Impossible."
Contain not. "The civil rights issues in the sensitive" were some of the stant Labour responses yesterday. ark Smith, Labour's Shadow Social Control Secretary, rules it out as a Big interscheme. Jack Straw reiterated long-standing objection to a big it is a control of the supports a

scheme.

Pasions aroused by the issues

and atavistic but scarcely
an over-mighty state looms. cing eye peers into the soul ry genes, empowering every

compulsory identity card Cabinet forced even Michael Howard imprinted with the DNA to retreat. Rational or not, it touches deep chords from left to right: an Englishman's word is his identity and only jack-booted foreigners make citizens carry cards. Deeper lies another fantasy: any of

us could break free at any time, take In hand and solving crime. The a train to a new town, become a new person without a history. It is that fantasy which makes amnesia cases such powerfully romantic stories. But of course the world has not been like that for a very long time. Legally, you may change your name, but you still have your old National Insurance number, your previous work record, your tax record, so the law never lets you disappear. We all already carry invisible ID cards.

But Frank Field is, as ever, persuasive on the subject. When he starts talking about his committee's evidence on social security fraud, he makes a powerful case for identification of all citizens. He suggests that the Government's estimates of £2.5bn of benefit fraud are well short of the real

There are, for instance, a staggering 15 million National Insurance numbers free-floating in the system that no one can account for. A very investigator recently found that his Allered and busy-body. The large proportion of those may be own NI number was being used by claimant questions such as their



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being used for fraud by highly sophisticated and organised gangs that thrive on the ease of gaining a false identity. Anyone can claim a dead or living person's NI number without their knowledge. He cites a recent case

'Large-scale organised fraud' is responsible for most benefit money lost

where parents whose twin babies had died 18 years ago got a call to say one was held in a detention centre ~ a case of stolen identity. A man who went to register as unemployed was told he was already in prison. A benefit fraud

their birth certificate, nor does the registrar ask for the deceased's NI number to ensure that the departed is

"People talk about fraud as if it was or someone doing a bit of extra moonlighting. But most of the money is lost in large-scale organised fraud involving false identity," Frank Field says. His ID cards would be issued at birth, with each person's NI and NHS number, their DNA, an updated photograph and coded information on their date of birth and address, which would, he believes, make false identity benefit fraud practically impossible.

In September the Benefits Agency starts a rolling programme of new cards for claimants, but they are not ID cards. They will stop theft of order books and save huge printing costs, but in themselves they will do little to make it harder to acquire a card on a false identity.

They will not carry photographs. The signature on them will be readable and thus easy to copy. There will be no chance for counter clerks to read

someone else to claim benefit. When someone dies, no mark is made on that even firms such as Blockbuster make on renting out a video. However. these cards could well be adapted in

The real objection to Frank Field's scheme does not concern civil liberties women with a boyfriend on the side, but basic practicalities. It currently costs £44 a time for a DNA blood test - try multiplying that by 56 million, plus the cost of the whole system and the database. He claims it will catch rapists, but the number of rapes by strangers is small and the number of times blood is conveniently left at the scene of a crime hardly justifies such gigantic cost. The police are not pressing for it.

Frank Field may find himself out on a limb on this issue, since most of the experts say there are plenty of simpler. cheaper ways to tighten up on the true identity of claimants without the need for the entire population to carry ID cards. An interesting test will come when the Government is expected to launch voluntary ID cards. Either no one will apply for them or they will rapidly become essential for most transactions. If they do become de facto compulsory, will that undermine our basic civil liberties? I cannot see why the law-abiding need feel

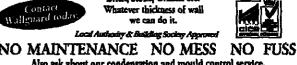
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## Professor Etienne Mureinik

South Africa has lost a brave human rights activist, academic and jurist in the death. apparof the Witwatersrand and a member of the Judicial Services Commission.

His death is a watershed speaking white liberal establishment in South Africa. suggesting severe strains in its relation with the aspiring black in the universities. In a society

middle class. Mureinik was 42 when he fell from the 23rd storey of a hotel in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, not far from the university, on Wednesday 10 July. He had had a brilliant career at the university, joining the faculty of law in 1977 and becoming pro-fessor in 1987 at the age of 32. He was dean of faculty from 1991 to 1993.

He helped draft the Bill of Rights for the new constitution and was constitutional adviser to the Democratic Party.

As well as being a personal adapt Bourdieu's phrase - not tragedy. Mureinik's death has least because they study

stance as a leading human rights lawyer at the junction of acadently by suicide, of Etienne emic life and the legal system Mureinik, former dean of the in South Africa. During the faculty of law at the University transition to the new political conditions in the country, he saw it as his moral duty to test the credentials of new appointees to the judicial system and event for the mainly English- to the highest offices in his university.

He took a highly exposed stand, at a time of acute tension in which wealth and destitution are so sharply and so visibly divided, and in which a degree can mean the difference between an income and no income, there has been powerful pressure on campus from black students for a relaxation of conditions for

degree passes. With South Africa's entrenched divisions of wealth and poverty, and their convergence along the line of race, white students enter university with a massive advantage in terms of "cultural capital", to

their first language, while black students at a university such as Wits, the victims of Bantu education under the old regime, study mainly through English as a second language.

On many campuses, political consciousness of relative inherited disability has led many black students to adopt the demand: "Pass one, pass all." Widespread agitation for the abolition of exams or at least for a relaxation of qualifying standards played a major part in the closure of the University of Natal at Durban, Westville, last month, following more than a year of conflict and fear on the campus. Student demagogy was taken up at junior lecturer level.

To some degree, the univer-sities have inherited the ethos of the "lost generation" of the 1984-86 township revolt, when agitation around the slogan Liberation before education" led to the closure of black schools for a very long time. Etienne Mureinik was at the centre of this conflict in the uni-

wide significance because of his through English or Afrikaans as versities, as one of the most prominent academics to take a stand. Possible downgrading of South African degrees is already an issue internationally. Mureinik took up the matter as his own affair.

In 1994 he was prominent in questioning the former ANC activist Professor Albie Sachs in relation to Sachs's appointment to the Constitutional Court. A political exile for over 20 years, Sachs was very nearly killed in 1988 in an attempt on his life by South African Military Intelligence in Mozambique, where he was Professor of Law at Eduardo Mondiane University in Maputo.

Returning to South Africa in May 1990 after the release of Nelson Mandela, Sachs admitted at a mass meeting at the University of Cape Town that he had previous knowledge of hu-man rights abuses in ANC camps in exile, conceding that the ANC had "mistreated" some of its own members. This was later confirmed in a number of inquiries, including one by Amnesty International.



It emerged in August 1993 that Sachs had been a commis-

sioner in an ANC inquiry ear-ly in 1990 into the death in ANC custody of one of its senior guerrilla commanders. No reference to these matters however appeared in Sachs's book Protecting Human Rights in a New South Africa (1990). Mureinik's intensive ques-

tioning of Sachs, on a matter central to the judicial process,

was directed towards this complex issue of authoritarian practice in exile. His concern was that post-apartheid South Africa be a law-governed society.

Inevitably, his questioning of one of the most celebrated legal figures in the struggle against racism rendered him liable to the accusation - a serious misrepresentation - of be-

participation in a protest by 13 participation in a protest by 13 senior liberal and left-wing academics in the "Makgoba affair" at the University of the Witwatersrand. This related to the appointment of Professor William Malegapuru Makgoba, an impunologier as the first black munologist, as the first black Deputy Vice-Chancellor. There was sharp conflict at the uni-versity when the academics queried Makgoba's qualifica-tions, followed by countercharges in which he accused them of racism and personal

An inquiry by an international committee exonerated

Peter Raleigh was one of the

BBC's best foreign correspon-dents, renowned for his insight

into the French character while he was based in Paris, and for

his courage in Algeria during the civil war. At the age of 47 his career took a different tack.

He became one of the pro-gramme planners in the BBC

television service at a time of increasingly complex develop-ment. Eventually he became

Head of the Programme Plan-ning Group before taking

lege, which he did not regard as a greatly enjoyable school. "Even its official chronicler

speaks of its hearty and brutal

atmosphere," he once wrote.

But he had a basic toughness.

"As a skinny member of the box-

ing team for four years, I could

survive." In 1937 he won an

Exhibition to read Modern

early retirement in 1977. Raleigh was at Bradfield Col-

the 13 academics, leading to Makgoba's resignation as Deputy Vice-Chancellor to take up an appointment as secretary to the Society for the Advancement of Science.

In an emotive article in December last year. Murcinik wrote that the word "liberal" a term of abuse in the period of apartheid - had once again become a "stigma label", but ing a defender of white privilege.

This was compounded by his a sugar and the privilege.

The privilege of the right as to be almost to the right as the right a

racist". "Naked, uncritical racial solidarity" among black journalists in the Makgoba affair. and even extending to the Minister of Education, Sibusiso Bhengu, he wrote, could "de-stroy all hope" of equal

accountability.

The question now is not the future of the 13 'monkeys' whom Makgoba has promised to 'tame' ... The question now is whether South Africans want quality universities - universities in which transformation means quality teaching and research for the benefit of all our Johannesburg 10 July 1996.

Peter Raleigh

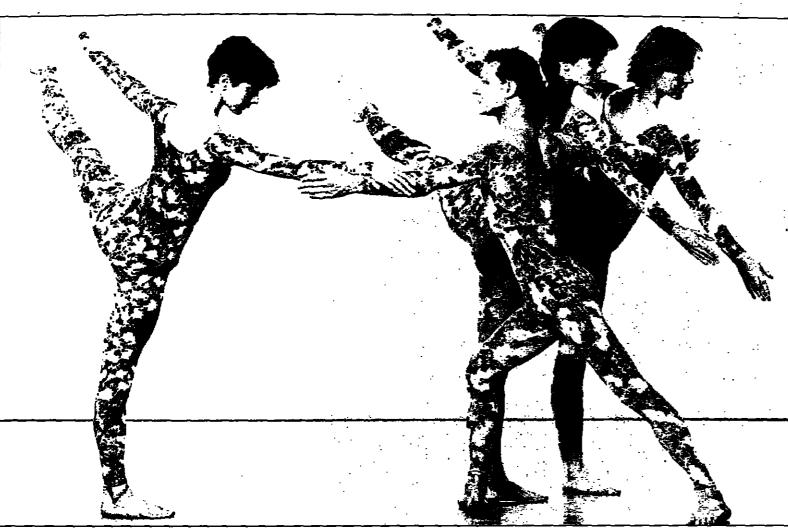
communities, not crude ethni-

cleansing. In the context of the powerful demand for black advancement in the professions, and in his determination to secure le-gal and academic standards to international levels. Mureinik became a much-abused and very lonely person. Colleagues have described him as having been depressed for several months before his death.

A colleague and friend. Professor Martin Brassey, described him as a person with a "really magnificent mind" and a "passionate commitment to justice". Other leading figures. in the academic and legal professions spoke similarly. According to Brassey, "irrational attacks" on Mureinik had taken their toll: "The world just overwhelmed him."

Paul Trembela

Etienne Mureinik, jurist: born 1954; Professor of Law, University of the Witwatersrand. 1987-96, Dean, Fact N 9 Law 1991-93; marriea; diea



Komar, second from left, dancing with members of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company in their 1987 production of Points in Space

Photograph: Lois Greenfield

### **Chris Komar**

The American dancer Chris a valuable and valued assistant Komar devoted his professional life and his multifaceted talent to the work of the pioneering choreographer Merce Cunningham. He was named Assistant Artistic Director of Cunningham's company in 1992. Working with him, Komar said a few years ago, "is so amazing to me, and so fulfilling. It keeps adding to my life - and not just to my life as a dancer, but to my whole life."

I remember how open and friendly Komar was on the strength of a casual introduction, and with what warmth and intelligence he readily spoke of Cunningham's work. The intelligence and understanding. which Komar exhibited so plentifully in performing, made him

to Cunningham. Through sharing the teaching and rehearsing of the company and setting dances on other groups, he was instrumental in freeing Cunningham's time for concentrating on new work. The choreographer said of him, "He has an astonishing memory about details or shapes, how it felt, the proportion, the look of it, the transitions."

Like many contemporary dancers, who do not face the time constraints ballet dancers do, Komar earned a college degree, a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance from the University of Wisconsin, after switching from a major in music. He joined the faculty there and danced for two years as

a charter member of the Milwaukee Ballet Company. On seeing the Cunningham

company perform in Milwaukee, however, he became convinced it was the place for him, and he went to New York to study with the choreographer. He became a full-fledged member of the company in 1972. More than 20 years later, having been with the company longer than anyone but Cunningham himself, and having appeared in most of Cunningham's works during that time. he was still performing with gusto and focus.

Komar had a wonderful energy, a big jump and a way of landing straight into the most amazing twists that Cunningham could devise. His darting,

1875; Ulysses Simpson Grant, gen-

loose-jointed quickness made him right at home with the birdlike images that pepper Cunningham's work. A poignant memory of him is in Cunningham's contemplative Inlets: a vulnerable figure pausing with elbows pinned back and throat exposed, like Isaac to Abraham's knife.

He began teaching at the widely influential Cunningham Studio almost immediately, and in repertory workshops all over the United States and Europe. He had the primary responsibility for staging Cunningham works, which he did for numerous troupes, including Rambert Dance Company (it has several Cunningham pieces in its repertoire), the Paris

Opera Ballet, American Ballet

Theatre and Werkcentrum Dans in Rotterdam. Before becoming Assistant Artistic Director. Komar had the title Assistant to the Choreographer. He also directed the Repertory Understudy Group, composed of students. In 1992 he created for them a new (actually third) version of Inlets. using chance precedures explained to him by Cunningham. an aspect of Cunningham's

work that fascinated him. Komar's contribution to the field was honoured in 1991 by a New York Dance and

Performance Award (Bessie).

**Marilyn Hunt** Chris Komar, dancer: born Milwaukee, Wisconsin 30 October 1947; died 17 July 1996.

Languages at King's College, Cambridge. Two years later the Second World War broke Raleigh volunteered immediately and in 1940 was commissioned as a midshipman in the RNVR. As a Heavy Artillery Gunnery Officer he served in the cruiser HMS Normany's new battleship the Bismarck in May 1941, and was slightly deaf ever after. Later he was Watchkeeping Officer in HMS London, before joining

the coastal forces under Dover Command. Raleigh then attended Greenwich Staff College and became the Deputy Staff Offi-cer to the Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth, helping to plan the Normandy landings. At the end of the war, despite being a naval person, he found himself stationed in Austria as part of the Allied Commission, where he saw someting of the forced repatriation of the unfortunate

commented to a friend, "The naval section of the Allied Commission for Austria was then at Klagenfurt, and the Cossack horsemen trooping disconsolately round the villages were a familiar part of the landscape. They seemed to diminish in number each time

Cossacks.



Raleigh: explaining the French Baba's thieves in a third-rate

provincial panto. On his release Raleigh spent three years in the City as an investment statistician with a firm of stockbrokers and joined the BBC World Service News Department in 1949. Six years later he transferred to the domestic News Division as a Foreign Duty Editor. From 1955 to 1959 he supervised the radio dispatches of BBC foreign correspondents, especially those stationed in Europe. He also began to appear in television from Alexandra Palace. In those presented important foreign developments with no visual aids other than maps and still

photographs.

In 1957 he covered the royal visits to Denmark. France and Holland, and two years later he became a foreign correspondent himself, in the first instance working in Paris under Thomas Cadett. At the time of the Soviet invasion of Hungary in November 1956 foreign correspondents in Budapest were unle to get their stories out. Refugees were streaming over the frontier bringing the news with them. Raleigh was sent to Vienna to meet them and report their experiences in a memo-In his wry offhand style he rable dispatch reproduced in the book From Our Own

Correspondent (1980). While Raleigh was based in Paris he was sent many times to cover the civil war in Algeria. He was calm and intrepid under fire, and gained the respect of other foreign correspondents there, who elected him chairthey came round, like Ali man of the Foreign Press As-

sociation in Algiers. He succeeded Cadett as the chief correspondent in 1963. This was a time when British correspondents in Paris tended

to pander to popular prejudices about France, and particularly about President de Gaulle's insistent references to the "grandeur" of his country. Raleigh saw, in a way that others did not, that French successes were due to inherent qualities of value, not, as it were. to flukes achieved almost in spite of themselves. In his dispatches he sought to under-stand, and to explain, what the French felt and did about a given situation, and why that differed from what the British felt, and thought the French should do. He did not, like so many, stereotype the French. but aimed at penetration of the French state of mind. He spoke excellent French, and was a man of great integrity. He would never go as a tourist to a dictatorship such as Greece under the Colonels or Portugal under

Raleigh had married Rosalind Scott, a granddaughter of C.P. Scott of the (Manch ster) Guardian, and was anxious that their two sons should enjoy an gave up his journalistic work and spent the next 11 years in television programme planning. The BBC television service greatly appreciated his quiet confident leadership. He retired, two years prematurely, on his 58th birthday, and took his family to live in Nether Compton in Dorset. He endured a long period of cancer of the spine with typical courage.

Leonard Miall

Malcolm Gordon Peter Raleigh foreign correspondent and television executive: born Barustaple Devon 26 May 1919; RNVR 1940-46; invesiment statistician 1946-49; sub-editor, BBC External News Department 1949-55. Foreign Duty Editor, Home News 1955-59, foreign correspondent 1959-63, Paris Correspondent 1963-66, television planning manager 1966-72. Head, Television Programme Planning Group 1972-77; mar-ried 1942 Rosalind Scott ttwo sons): died Nether Compton. Dorset 20 July 1996.

# Births, Marriages & Deaths

**DEATHS** 

HOLLAND: Very suddenly in the Sevenoals Archery Fields, on 13/796, Barry Lewis Holland of Weald, Sevenoals, aged 59, He leaves Angela, Ben. Sophie. Joe and Josh, who to gether with his many friends and colgetner with his many friends and col-leagues will mark his passing and celebrate his life at 2pm on Thursday 25 July at St Grouge's Church, Weald Donations if wished to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Enquiries to W. Hodges, 39 St John's Hill. Sevenoals, Kent TN13 3PE. Telephone 01732-454457.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh give a garden party at Buckingham Palace. The Duke of Edinburgh visits the Shr Swaminaryan Mandir, Neasden, London NW10, and as Muster. Trinity House, at-How It, and as Muster. Irminy House, at-tends a dinner at Trinity House. Tower Hill, London EC3, Prince Edward, Chairman, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Peganis. Project, attends the project's annual lunch at Skingers' Hall, London EC4. Princess Margaret, Patron, the Zebra Trust and Zebra Housing Association, opens the redesigned garden at Impola House, Chalcot Square, London NW1.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; Nijmegen Company Grenadier Guards arounds the Queen's Birthdays

Sir Nicholas Barrington, former High Commissioner to Pakistan, 62; Miss Gloria De Haven, actress, 72; Sir Alastair Down, former chairman, Burmah Oil, 82: Mr David Essex, entertainer, 49: Mr Michael Foot, former MP, 83; Mr Graham Gooch, cricketer, 43; Mr Alastair Graham, former Headmaster, Mill Hill School, 64; The Rev Mrs Belsy Haworth, deacon and non-stipendiary minister, 72: Sir Harry Hookway, Iormer Pro-Chancellor, Loughborough University. 75; Mrs Elspeth Huxley, author, 89: Sir Charles Kerruish, President of Tynwald, Isle of Man, 79; Air Vice-Marshal George Lamb, former rug-by referee, 83; Mr David Lawman, former chairman, Prestige Group, 75; Mr Clive Rice, cricketer, 47; Sir Richard Rogers, architect, 63; Professor Andrew Rutherford, former Warden, Goldsmiths' College, 67; Mr Richard Searby QC, deputy chairman, Times Newspapers Holdings, 65; Sir John Stokes, former MP, 79; Mr Peter Twiss, former test pilot, 75.

Anniversaries

Births: Francesco Sforza, soldier, 1401; Antonio Maria Gasparo Sac-chini, opera composer, 1734; Coven-try Kersey Dighton Patmore, poet, 1823; Richard Hol, composer and organist, 1825; Alan Francis Brooke, first Viscount Alanbrooke, Field Marshal, 1883; Salvador de Madariaga y Rojo, writer and diplomat, 1886; Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, aviator, 1886: Raymond Thornton Chandler, novelist, 1888; Ras Tufari Makonnen, Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, 1892; Michael Wild-ing, actor, 1912. Deaths: Richard Gibson, miniature-painter, 1690; Domenico Scarlatti, composer and harpsichordist, 1757; Isaac Merritt

Singer, sewing machine inventor.

eral and 18th US President, 1885; Sir John Simon, public health pioneer, 1904; Sir William Ramsay, chemist, 1916; James Maxton, politician, 1946; David Wark Griffith, film director, 1948: Robert Joseph Flaherty, documentary film maker. 1951; Henri-Philippe Pétain, soldier and Vichy leader, 1951; Edward Montgomery Clift, film actor, 1966; Eddie Rickenbacker (Edward Vernon Ricken-bacher), First World War fighter pilot, 1973; Rosemary Sutcliff, his-torical novelist, 1992. On this day: the Battle of Shrewsbury was fought by the Pencys against King Hemy IV, 1403: Charles Stuart, the Young Pretender, landed at Eriskay Island in the Hebrides, 1745; Alexandra Park, Muswell Hill, north London, opened 1863; the Empress Eugénie was appointed as Regent of France Emperor Napoleon III. 1870: John Boyd Dunlop applied to patent a pneumatic tyre, 1888; in London, the "blitz" began with an all-night air raid, 1940: King Farouk of Egypt was deposed by General Neguib, 1952; the Greek military junta resigned, 1974; the Duke of York married Sarah Ferguson, 1986. Today is the Feast Day of St Anne or Susanna, St

Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, 'Degas (iv): Degas Landscapes". Victoria and Albert Museum: Imo

Apollinaris of Ravenna, St Bridget

of Sweden, St John Cassian, St Li-

borius, St Romula and her Com-

panions, and The Three Wise Men.

gen Stewart, "Aesthetic Dress". 230pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah Greenberg, "London Bridges: linking time and space", lpm.

National Portrait Gallery: John

Cooper, "Portraits of Queen Anne and her Contemporaries". 1.10pm. British Museum: Rowena Loverance. "Byzantine Icons", 1.15pm.

Receptions

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists Sir Sigraund Sternberg, Patron, In-

ternational Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, hosted a reception vesterday evening at the Reform Club, London SW1, in bo-nour of Lord Woolf on his appoint-ment as Master of the Rolls, and to inaugurate the 1997 World Congress of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

Dinners Corporation of London

Sir Brian Jenkins, Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, was bost of a dinner yesterday evening at Guildhall, London EC2, to mark the occasion of 1996 British Insurance Law Association London Colloquium. Sir Brian Jenkins and Sir Alexander Graham, President of the British Insurance Law Association, were the

**British Academy** 

The following have been elected Fellows of the British Academy: Professor J.D. Ades: De J. Bergin Tir J.N. But-terfield: Professor J. Carey Professor N.L.D. Cartwright: Dr. A.D. Cliff: Professor J.F. Dunn; Professor R.H. Finnegan, Dr. R. Foot, Professor H. Gudsheim: Dr. M.D. Goodman. Dr. L.R. Hodder: Professor C.C. Hood, Pro-Dr LR. Hodder: Professor C.C. Hood, Pro-lessor A.G. Hopkans: Dr J.R.L. Maddinut: Professor W.D. Marken, Wilson; Cord MeanIP; Professor J.L. Nelson: Professor B. J. Professor N.G. Premiergast: Dr A. Pyrnan, Professor N.G. Round: Professor P. Same-Williams; Professor R. Sugden: Professor J. Supran; Pro-cessor M. Sugden: Professor J. Supran; Pro-cessor M. Sugden: Professor J. Supran; Proferent M.W Thanke by D.J. Thompson; Pro-fessor J.C. Welle; Dr K.E. Wrightom; Dr J. Wymer.

## Council inspector liable for wrong advice Council; Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Rose, Lord Justice Ward. Lord Justice Judge) 17 July 1996 An environmental health offi-

cer who, when inspecting a guest-house on behalf of the local authority, forced its owners to incur needless expenditure on works of building and refurbishment by threatening otherwise to close the oremises down was under a duty of care to the owners for the breach of which the authority, as his employer, was liable in

damages The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by North Cornwall District Council against the decision of Judge Anthony Thompson QC, sitting no need), and threatened to in Truro County Court on 26 close down the business if these January 1993, awarding the plaintiffs, Victoria Florence Welton and David John Welton, damages of £39,522 in respect of the negligence of Brian Evans, an environmental health officer employed by

the council. Rodenek Denver QC and Peter Wadsky (Bluke Lapthorn, for Stephens & Scown, Truro) for the council: Philip Mott QC and Christopher Kemp (Frank & Caffin, Truro) for the

Lord Justice Rose said the health officer acting on behalf plaintiffs had been running of a local authority exercised a

#### LAW REPORT

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Archer Farm, Port Isaac, as a guest-house for 15 years when, in October 1990, Mr Evans arrived, unsolicited and unannounced, to conduct the first ever local authority inspection of the premises. The West Country Tourist Board had inspected them several times and had accorded them its highest accolade, three crowns. Mr Evans had a different view. He set out 13 requirements which were to be met in order to comply with the law,

works and major alterations to the kitchen (for which there was requirements were not met. In consequence, wholly unnecessary expenditure was incurred for which the judge awarded The plaintiffs' case was that

there was a special relationship between Mr Evans and Mrs Welton which gave rise to a duty to take reasonable care in the statements he made as to the extent of the alterations required to comply with the law. The defendant's case was,

including substantial building

first, that an environmental

police or quasi-police function and therefore, as a matter of policy, no action should lie. Second, that it was neither fair nor reasonable to impose a duty of care when an environmental health officer was exercising a statutory responsibility in the interest of public health. Third, that the present case was not within the principle established by Hedley-Byrne & Co Lid v Heller & Pirs Lid [1963] 2 All ER 575, [1964] AC 465. The particulars of negligence amounted to no more than an allegation that Mr Evans, who was not a lawyer, got the law

In his Lordship's judgment, the authorities relied on in relation to the police and the CPS were not determinative of the present case because there was no true analogy; but in any case it had been recognised that the principle that no duty was owed in such cases did not apply where, in relation to the particular plaintiff, responsibility had been assumed.

In the light of the analysis of the Hedlev-Byrne principle by Lord Goff in Henderson v Merrett [1995] 2 AC 145 at 180, and in Spring v Guardian Assurance [1995] 2 AC 296 at 318, the

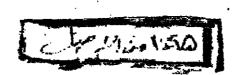
lationship between Mr Evans and Mrs Welton gave rise to a duty of care within the ambit of that principle was unassail-able. His unchallenged findings of fact included reliance by the plaintiffs on Mr Evans and knowledge of such reliance on Mr Evans's part. Accordingly there was an assumption of responsibility by Mr Evans and hence a duty of care owed by

The remaining question was whether a relationship derived from the exercise of statutory powers and duties was excluded from the ambit of a Hedley-Byrne principle. There were different categories of conduct to which the existence of the defendant's statutory enforcement duties might give rise, but in this case it had involved the imposition by Mr Evans, outwith the legislation. of detailed requirement enforced by threat of closure and

close supervision. In his Lordship's judgment, the existence of the defendant's statutory powers and duties afforded no reason why it should not be liable at common law for conduct by its servant of this type, which was otherwise well within the

Paul Magrath, Barrister

Hedley-Byrne principle.



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# Costain brought back from the brink

Stormy meeting of shareholders agrees rescue plan by big majority

DEPUTY BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: MICHAEL HARRISON

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Costain stepped back from the abyss of receivership yesterday after a stormy shareholders meeting approved a planned res-cue of the struggling construction and engineering group. An overwhelming majority of share-holders voted in favour as Ray-mond International, one of Costain's two biggest shareholders, overcame its reservations about the deal and gave the package its approval.

After the vote, the suspension

on trading in Costain's shares was lifted and they jumped 10p to 49p in relief that the company had fended off the threat of receivership, before settling to close at 46p.

The extraordinary meeting to pass two resolutions relating to the financial restructuring proposals was described as "stormy and fractious" by shareholders who had been body-searched as they entered a heavily policed QEII conference centre in Westminster. Seeking to minimise bad publicity Costain banned non-shareholders, including the press, from attend-

From the outset, the meeting was characterised by ill-feeling and secrecy. A small group of anti-road protesters outside the hall was forcibly moved on by a police presence that far outnumbered them. Armed police were positioned on the roof of the centre and protesters were constantly recorded on video

building of the controversial Newbury by pass and the Cardiff Bay Barrage and is considered by campaigners to have a poor environmental record.

The meeting had been called to rubber-stamp a proposed rescue that will see Intria, a Malaysian construction company, underwrite a three-for-one rights issue to raise £73m and take up to a 40 per cent stake in Costain. Alan Lovell, Costain's chief executive who had faced calls in recent days to resign, said he was already discussing shared contracts with Intria.

The deal had been opposed by Costain's two largest shareholders, Kharafi, a Kuwaiti construction business, and Ray-mond International, from Saudi Arabia, both of which hold 19 per cent each of Costain's shares. The proposals could see their holdings slip to as little as 5 per cent.

To be approved, the rescue needed a simple majority of votes to be east in favour. In the event, 76.5 per cent of an 83 per cent turnout were in favour of the package, which was pre-sented by Costain's board as the only plan available for the company's survival.

Alan Lovell said: "We can look forward to continuing to develop our core engineering and construction businesses in the UK and around the world, in particular with our new and existing shareholders in the Middle and Far East, our two main overseas markets."

One shareholder who attended the meeting said Costain is involved in the Costain's directors attempted to



Hard hats on: Costain shareholders voiced their concerns both inside and outside yesterday's egm at the QEN Centre in central London

move straight to a vote on the rescue resolutions but were forced by heckling shareholders to field questions, mainly from private shareholders who were angry at the company's unwillingness to furnish them with adequate information to vote on

Shareholders also questioned salaries being paid to Costain's

the proposals.

directors despite the poor performance of the company since, in keeping with many of its industry peers, it was brought to its knees by the recession. "You are the most incompetent directors ever," a shareholder said. "Why are you lining your

pockets with money when we haven't got a dividend?" Mr Lovell was paid a basic salary of £180,000 in 1995, while Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, was paid £100,000. The company hasn't paid a divi-

dend since 1992. Kharafi last week argued for a reprieve of up to three months from Costain's bankers to enable counter-proposals to be drawn up. It said it would consider investing further in the

company. Yesterday, share-holders repeatedly called on a representative of the Kuwaiti group to put forward an alternative proposal. None was

Sir Christopher Benson reiterated the company's plea for shareholders to support the plan as the only viable alternative. "If you vote against it

there will not be a Costain and you will not be shareholders," he said.

Battered by poor investment in property and US mining assets in the late 1980s, and by the wafer-thin margins on contracting work, Costain's shares have slumped more than 90 per cent since they peaked in 1987.

# High water bills lead to legal fray

**CHRIS GODSMARK** Business Correspondent

Parkland, one of Yorkshire's biggest textile producers, yesterday said it was facing legal ac-tion by Yorkshire Water in an industry-wide dispute over water charges.

The Independent has also learned that Parkland, which makes wool fabrics for large retailers including Marks and Spencer, will locate a new factory in Nottinghamshire rather than Yorkshire, because it can obtain a better deal on water charges there.

The company is refusing to pay a 25 per cent increase in its water bill imposed last October. A seven-day deadline to pay up

or face a writ expired last week
"We've been trying to get an appointment with Brandon Gough, Yorkshire's new chairof Yorkshire Water for its man, but they say they're still trying to sort out an appointment," said Bryan Lodder, chief executive of Parkland Group. You'd think courtesy alone would suggest they should wait until that meeting before they take things further. It's a matter of principle."

phased increases in the "reception charge" for waste wa-ter products from textile firms, from 1995 to 1999. Parkland's bill for this year went up by 25 per cent to £100,000, on top of a 38 per cent rise lastyear. Consumers' bills in the region in-

creased by just 5.6 per cent. Textile firms are among the heaviest users of water, large quantities of which are needed gued that historical charges levied on the industry for

effluent did not reflect the true cost of providing the service.

Some producers have agreed to pay this year's increase but have been granted further consultation on planned rises by Yorkshire's new management. In the case of Parkland, which has 700 employees in Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield and Oldham, plans are for charges to increase by another 58 per cent

over the next three years. Ofwat was consulted about the price-hike, but said Yorkshire did not require formal permission to levy the increase. A spokesman for Yorkshire water said last night: "We will take any steps necessary to recover the outstanding debt. Out of 2,400 companies affected by the new

decision to build the £16m yarn dyeing factory in north Nottinghamshire - where it will be a customer of Severn Trent. The plant, initially employing 100 people but with a workforce planned to increase to 400, is un-der construction on a green-field site and is due to open next Yorkshire Water announced January. It will make coloured yarns for industrial applications such as car seat fabrics.

Mr Lodder said the company had also considered a similar site in Yorkshire, but Severn Trent's connection charges were much cheaper.
"Severn Trent were extremely

helpful, whereas Yorkshire Water couldn't sort anything out for at least a year. They appear to have decided that industry does for finishing and dyeing not need encouragement to reprocesses. Yorkshire has ar- main in Yorkshire. It reflects a general apathy towards manufacturing," said Mr Lodder.

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Don Cruickshank: Accepted explanation given by BT

## Oftel clears BT of dirty tricks

MATHEW HORSMAN and CHRIS GODSMARK

BT was largely exonerated yesterday from allegations that it had improperly canvassed ex-directory cable customers, in a report issued by the tele-

coms watchdog Oftel. the company to improve its standards in the future, saying that any campaign to win back customers "should meet the highest standards of fairness and propriety". A spokesman from BT said: "We're clearly delighted that Oftel has vindicated BT There was no dirty-tricks campaign. Oftel has confirmed that it was an honest mistake made

Association was last night considering whether to take additional action. Its chief executive, Bob Frost, said that the main issue - whether ex-directory cable customers had been addressed by name in BT's "win back" campaign - had

In a statement accompanying the report, Oftel director-general Don Cruickshank said he accepted BT's explanation relating to the computer glitch.BT claimed that in a list of phone numbers generated by an outside supplier, a coding error had led to some digits being changed. Of these, some were

ex-directory accounts. Mr Cruickshank said that

The Cable Communications the claim of some customers to have been marketed by their own names lay with a lack of adequate scripting, training and monitoring, which had given cable customers an incorrect impression. He also warned that "immediate enforcement" would follow any recurrence of the episode. BT last night said it had reviewed its procedures "to ensure that everyone main-

tains the proper standards".

The cable industry gave a muted response to the Oftel report. Telewest Communications, the industry leader, said: "Whether by accident or intent, we believe BT's actions were anti-competitive and unneccesary."A spokesman added: "BT should now apologise to the

customers concerned and to the cable companies affected." Bell Cablemedia, some of whose customers had also been contacted by BT marketers in

recent months, said: "We look forward to BT's confirmation ... of the new procedures it now intends to set up in order to tion." BCM said the episode confirmed that Oftel was right to request additional powers to enforce open competition in the telecoms industry.

BT's board meets today to discuss whether to accept Oftel's plans to take on the new powers of enforcement. The company is fighting the proposals, arguing that they should include

## Subdued likely to cut rates

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

The Bundesbank is expected to cut its key money market in-terest rate, perhaps as early as Thursday, after new figures showing inflation and growth in Germany remain subdued.

Prices charged at the factory gate fell by 0.2 per cent last month, while their year-on-year rate of decline picked up to 0.8 per cent. Cost of living figures due later this week are expected to show inflation run-

ning at just over 1 per cent. The Economics Ministry said yesterday that Europe's biggest economy expanded by more in the second quarter of this year than it shrank in the first quarter. But a bounce in construction, laid low by bad weather in the first three months of the year, explained most of the apparent recovery.

The statement warned that the economy would not grow fast enough to reduce unem-ployment from its near-record level. "The pace of recovery in the foreseeable short term is still too low to stimulate demand for labour." However, it insisted that the economic climate was improving, with an increase in

planned investment. Many economists are much more sceptical about the chances of a solid improvement in the second half of this year. Holger Fahrinkrug, at investment bank UBS in Frankfurt, said: "There is absolutely no evidence of the sustainability of the recovery.

Unexpectedly weak business confidence in June, reported last week by the IFO research institute, dented analysts' optimism about the economy's prospects. IFO's retail survey, released yesterday, predicted that retailers would slash investment due to stagnating sales. Arno Städtler, the author's report, said: "There has never been such a long downturn in retailing.'

The weak survey results have called into question whether ing through to the domestic economy. "There have been signs of a more meaningful recovery in export orders, but the rise in the mark has probably hit that on the head," said Julian Jessop, an economist at Nikko Securities. The mark has climbed by just over 1 per cent in trade-weighted terms since the end of May.

## Tesco stays hand on French bid

NIGEL COPE

Tesco had yet to declare its hand in the £2.5bn bid for Docks de France supermarkets group last night even though the French company's shares were suspended on the Paris bourse yesterday pending an announcement.

Docks de France is on the receiving end of an offer from ri-val hypermarket group Auchan and other bidders have only until today to declare their hand.

With Tesco silent yesterday it is now believed that the UK supermarket group has decided not to accept the French group's plea for a white knight inter-

Instead, Docks de France is set to accept a slightly higher of-fer from Auchan. The offer, which has not yet been dis-closed, is thought to be in the region of 5-10 per cent higher than the previous bid, valuing Docks de France at up to

It is understood Tesco felt the deal, which would have involved a huge and dilutive rights issue, would have been too high a price to pay. At that valuation, Tesco could not see how the deal would enhance shareholder value. Though Tesco is keen to expand in Europe and did hold talks with Docks de France it will now press ahead with the expansion of its Catteau business in France which it acquired in

Tesco's decision is likely to be greeted with relief in the City. Tesco's shares have fallen by almost 9 per cent since rumours of its interest in Docks de France began to circulate. They closed 7p lower at 27p yesterday.

One analyst said that Tesco's de-cision to walk away from the French deal would make the shares a strong buy. Bill Myers of Williams de Broe said it would leave Tesco free to concentrate on the home market where it is continuing to win share from Sainsbury's.

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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

## WH Smith launches loyalty card scheme up to 11 years, whose parents also sign up to the scheme.

WH Smith is testing two loyalty card schemes in its core highstreet chain in an attempt to boost flagging sales and inject more life into the ailing business. The two versions on trial are the W H Smith Clubcard and the Clubcard for Children, thought to be the first card aimed at the under 12s. Both schemes enable shoppers to earn 10 points for every £1 spent which can then be redeemed against purchases in W H Smith stores. The discount is equivalent to 2 per cent.

loyalty schemes. The system is being piloted in 19 stores, and the company is now actively targeting the fam-ily shopper. ClubCard for Children is available to youngsters

W H Smith stores are visited by 7.5 million customers a markets and the chemist, Boots. roughly double the rate of combination of low margins, fered by most supermarket chuttered stores and fierce comoffers to children.

week but have been hit by a But the company faces problems differentiating its card from those of rivals. It has petition from the supermarket adopted the same name for the groups. The 19 stores participating in the trial also have Discards as Tesco's scheme, which has 8.5 million members. covery Zones, which give better City analysts will also fear that the card will hit WH Smith's al-W H Smith is the latest in a ready pressured margins.

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## Only three bidders still in Videotron auction

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Only three serious bidders remain in the frame for a £400m controlling stake in Videotron. a leading cable operator in the UK, sources close to the auction said vesterday. They are UK cable operator International CableTel. Deutsche Telekom, the giant German telecoms operator, and Bell Cablemedia, which already holds a 36 per cent stake

in Videotron. Cable & Wireless, the telecoms company that owns Mercury Communications, remains on the sidelines, the sources said, and could return to the fray depending on the outcome of negotiations. KPN, the Dutch telecoms company, is believed to have withdrawn.

It is also understood that lawyers for Bell Cablemedia have conceded the company does not have a pre-emptive right over the 56 per cent stake in Videotron Holdings put up for sale by Montreal-based Videotron, the Canadian cable giant. Therefore, the company's chances of winning the auction are put at just one in four, a senior Videotron source said.

about this company's commit-

sale, which is still several weeks from completion, is a further move toward consolidation in the UK cable industry, following the purchase by General Ca-ble of a minority interest in Yorkshire Cable earlier this year and the merger between market leader. Telewest Communications, and SBC CableComms last year.
Analysts had been expecting

further moves in the business, which recently returned to market favour following several

months of bad publicity. Videotron Canada, which is looking to shift its attention to the newly liberalised US market, is demanding cash only - a position that favours the deep pockets of Deutsche Telekom, which has a stake in the domestic cable market, but no investment as yet in Britain.

All three finalists, however, believe Videotron is asking too much. "We think the valuation is far too high, there is still a lot of negotiation to come," said a

source at one leading bidder. The attractions of the Videotron franchises, which range from the City to the Thomes Valley, are obvious, analysts say, but the company Industry sources add that if has been undermanaged and Bell Cablemedia does not buy the stake, doubts will grow Further, it still has most of its network to build, as part of the ment to the UK market. The fltbn UK cable investment.



## Carlton makes £58m move into cinema advertising

MATHEW HORSMAN

Communications, Michael Green's media company, is paying £58.5m for Cinema Media, the largest seller of cinema advertising space in the UK, confirming its strategy of investing in what Mr Green calls

screen-based entertainment". The acquisition, which gives Carlton contracts with leading UK cinema exhibitors, includ-ing Virgin, ABC, National Amusements, Rank and UCI, will be paid for in cash.

Cinema Media, bought from cassettes and the big film

Rank by its managers in 1992, will be rebranded as a Cariton

It had pre-tax profits last year of £7m, on sales of £34.6m. but Carlton said yesterday current trading was "significantly

The company controls more than 80 per cent of the UK market for in-cinema advertising, and 100 per cent of Ireland, It also supplies advertising for home videos, a growing market. Carlton, through its Technicolor division, is a leading

processor. It is also the franchise holder for London ITV in the week and for Central.

Following a brief hand-over period, Cinema Media's chief executive, Keith Shepherd, and its finance director, Chris Hicks. are to leave the company. Mr Shepherd will be replaced by Adam Poulter, now marketing director of TDI, the transport

advertising company.

The division will be folded into Carlton UK sales, which handles airtime for Central Television, Carlton and several cable television channels, including Carlton-Select.

## Cut-price Somerfield float finds buyers

NIGEL COPE

Stockbrokers to Somerfield's cut-price flotation said yesterday that initial orders from City institutions were encouraging, though some analysts and fund managers were only giving the new issue a 50-50 chance of success.

Nat West Securities, broker to the £480m float, said it had received "quite a few" orders by close of business yesterday, though a number of institutions were still "biding their time". NatWest said that last week's reduction in the price from the original 180p-190p range down to 160p had tempted several investors to take a second look. Of the institutions seen, NatWest claims that more than

half had expressed interest while other smaller funds were also getting involved. Some US institutions have expressed interest even though they were not targeted in the company's pre-sentations. It is understood that some of the largest City fund managers have yet to meet Somerfield's management, though meetings are scheduled for the next two days. One said: "We often prefer to see companies at a late stage as there is usually more informa-tion around."

NatWest is confident the retail offer, which closes tomor-

row, will be over-subscribed. The City is split on Somerfield's chances of success. Some feel the price cut has made the float more attractive; others believe the former Gateway supermarkets business still has fundamental problems.

# Ofgas delays decision on price capping

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

The gas industry regulator, Ofgas, yesterday said it was to delay publishing the final version of its controversial price cap formula for the British Gas pipeline business TransCo until mid-August, as the war of words between the two sides intensified.

The proposals were expected to be revealed this week, but speculation that Ofgas was preparing a tactical retreat helped to boost the British Gas share price vesterday.

Ofgas said it needed more

time to consider additional information on TransCo's capital expenditure which it had only received a fortnight ago. The sitnation has been further complicated because Clare

Spottiswoode, the director general of gas supply, goes on holiday for two weeks from Friday.

An Ofgas spokesman said:
"It's something Clare needs to deal with personally and she's need going to be here for a not going to be here for a while. Otherwise the delay would have been shorter."

British Gas has described the current proposals, which are the subject of industry-wide consultation, as "the biggest smash and grab raid in history." They would cut TransCo's revenues by 22-28 per cent from next April, with cuts of inflation

minus 5 per cent until 2002. Last night British Gas refused to accept the Ofgas explanation for the delay. The company's



Philip Rogerson: 'The delay

very regrettable that we now have a three-week delay which increases uncertainty for our shareholders.

The latest dispute centres on figures for TransCo's operon ngures for fransCo s operating costs for the 12 months to the end of 1995. British Gas had originally forecast operating expenditure of £1.35bn, but says it found during the preparation of accounts that the ration of accounts that the true figure was £1.45bn. The difference could significantly affect the amount of costs Ofgas allows when drawing up its price formula.

Privately, however, Ofgas be-lieves British Gas is "playing games". Officials insist they made several requests earlier this year for TransCo's management accounts which they needed to reconcile with the data provided in the original forecasts. This detail did not arrive until a fortnight ago and addeputy chairman. Philip Roger-son, said: "The information has been with them since March. It's livered as late as last night.

## Sighs of relief as Tesco walks away from the big one

Tesco shareholders will breathe a time with the most successful lovalty huge sigh of relief if, as expected, card in the sector. the company decides not to inter-

MacLaurin was considering mounting a rescue bid for the company to save it from the clutches of the save it from the clutches of the

around 9 per cent of their value as the City became nervous that Tesco it clear that it would like to expand might wade in with a mega-bid and its European interests and France is

clining market to 276p yesterday. Auchan, Tesco has walked away from the big one even though it admits that it met Docks in France and be reasonable to now expect a bounce in Tesco shares as institutions

The reasons for Tesco's decision and relief in the City are plain enough. It would have proved an ex-pensive deal and saddled Tesco ward rating of just 12. Hold. with high gearing for the next 18 months. Keen as the company is to expand in Europe it just couldn't make the deal make financial sense.

Another key reason is that a Tesco foray into France would have let Sainsbury off the hook at home. Tesco is winning the battle on likefor-like sales increases and has

With Iceland melting after a profvene in the £2.5hn bid for Docks de its warning and Somerfield's float France, the French supermarket struggling to get off the ground even group.

Tesco's shares have taken a thorough beating in the past two weeks since it emerged that Sir Ian pouring resources into a second

concentrate on the UK while push-Tesco shares were trading at ing its French business ahead has tended to put further pressure than 300p at the beginning of through Catteau which it acquired the rest of the market in exactly the not has detailed in an increasingly orous side of the company looks. more than 300p at the beginning of through Catteau which it acquired this month but have since shed in 1992.

the mother-of-all rights issues to top of the list. Its other European fund it. They fell another 7p in a de- deals in Hungary and Poland are a mere sideshow compared with its With Docks de France now likely business in France which recorded to accept an enhanced offer from sales of £550m last year and profits

sooner or later and Tesco's interest considered making a move. It would in Docks de France may unsettle some investors as it is clear that a further French foray will come in time. With analysts sticking to their profit forecasts of £740m for the current year, Tesco's shares are on a for-

#### Lonrho takes unfair beating

Conglomerates have been on a hiding to nothing recently. The market dislikes diversified groups and has been on a marketing roll for some marked the shares of companies THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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such as BTR, Hanson and Tomkins down accordingly.

If that is the case, you might have

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more reason than most to feel hard share price but since last month's an-

same way that Hanson did after it detailed its own four-way split. The comparison is harsh on Lonrho, because in the case of Hanson

tions, the shares have fallen 16p to

paying potential.
For a yield stock like Hanson that was disastrous for the shares, highlighting as it did the fact that, contrary to market wisdom, the company might actually be worth more than its constituent parts. In Lonrho's case, the reverse would ap-

pear to be true. Charles Kernot, an analyst at Paribas Capital Markets, has run a model of Lourho that suggests a combined value of its three main divisions of approaching 235p a share, even assuming a discount for the mining arm to account for the un-certainty surrounding the involvement of Anglo American in what will, after the split, be the continuing Lonrho business. Even after that discount, Kernot

believes the mining side could be worth 115p a share. In addition the hotels arm, expected to be sold off releases from George Michael and the shares are still worth holding.

in an offer of shares in September Tina Turner, with sales and openthe African trading interests, which per cent respectively in local cur-Dieter Bock plans to head up, chip rency terms. Foreign exchange in a further 80p. A total valuation of 273p, or 235p

The fact that the shares have ac-

nervous market. In the light of recent problems with the new issues market, some caution would seem appropriate, but

details of the demerger set alarm the potential upside seems adebells ringing on the group's dividend quate compensation and the shares are good value.

> Thorn EMI worth holding

There was nothing particularly new in Thorn EMI's first-quarter results yesterday, which showed a respectable 13 per cent rise in pre-ex-ceptional profits to £68m despite some softness in the music side. The other important aspect of yesterday's announcement was further details of the proposed demerger of the company into its constituent parts, but as Sir Colin Southgate drily commented that was simply 140 pages to tell shareholders they would be getting two shares instead of one. EMI Music benefited from new

might be worth an additional 78p and ating profits up 4.7 per cent and 17.4 movements cut that back a bit but the division still looks an attractive morsel to potential bidders despite Sir Colin's protestations yesterday 'tually fallen since the demerger an- that he hadn't talked to any possi-

the company will be unable to cent and operating profits 12 per more and more attractive as time goes by with much steadier income than other retailers and a growing market as PCs expand the white goods universe and rent-to-buy en-

larges the target audience.
A possible £30m hit to cover the return of leases transferred to the now collapsed Escom computer retailing business is a nuisance but a one-off irritant. Elsewhere. HMV. which will stay with Thorn on demerger, had a good quarter with sales

up almost 18 per cent to £171m. All good news, then, but from the investment perspective it is hard to believe the revaluation of Thorn EMI has not already taken place. Since the beginning of 1995, the shares have soared from £10 to £16.93 yesterday, down 42p as the market came to the conclusion that there was little still to go for with a price/earnings ratio in the high teens swamping a respectable but dull earnings growth rate of about 12 per cent. High enough on fundamentals but with the prospect of

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Minimum Gross Gross Net									
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3rd Issue Yearly	£1,000	5.10%		4.08%					
3rd Issue Monthly	£1,000	4.98%	5.10%	3.98%					
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## A drink in Singapore? Mine's a pint of Leeson

#### CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK

breweries in Thailand, Shanghai, and – wait for it – Singapore. Somehow I don't has recently applied to the ex-change for a listing in order think the Singapore authorities will be terribly amused at

> It's 90 degrees on the streets of London and even the Governor of the Bank of England is in shirt sleeves. Eddie George is now holding his meetings outside in a pleasant courtyard of the Bank. Pimms, anyone?

being served up Leeson Lager.

Snipers on the roof, body searches on the way in, 150 policemen. 20 police vans. A

I wonder if those Treasury "kids" that Chancellor Ken Clarke blamed last week for the leaked proposal paper (on privatising the welfare state and selling off gravity) have popped up

A Hong Kong microbrewery that won fame with a beer named Leeson Lager, after

the jailed Barings Singapore

trader Nick Leeson, plans to

The South China Brewery

to raise money for expansion. It prefers New York to Hong

Kong because of Nasdaq's

electronic accessibility, ac-

cording to the company's

managing director David

South China Brewery was

formed in December 1994 with just US\$1m in capital, It

brews three of its own labels -

Crooked Island Lager, India

Pale Ale and Dragon's Back.

It now wants to set up micro-

Smith Institute having a tease?

list its shares on Nasdaq in

New York.

The Adam Smith Institute's annual "Economy in Government" competition encourages members of the public to suggest the best way Whitehall should be spending and saving taxpayers' money. This year, one contestant, Dennis Snower, who lists himself as from an economics department in the University of London, suggests: "A bold move to opt out of welfare state services in return for tax reductions." Sounds exactly like the radical stuff which drew such with-

ering contempt from Ken Clarke. Is someone at the Adam

top-security trial perhaps? In fact, the security encountered by Costain's shareholders at yesterday's egm in Westminster's QEU centre was truly over the top.

The main "threat", as far as

the police were concerned, was the Newbury by-pass pro-testers, who in the event were outnumbered at least three to one by the police. The peaceful nature of the protest didn't stop the police from hauling various of the hairier protesters away.

The road protesters wanted the Malaysian rescue package voted down and Costain to go into receivership, so that the whole road building project will have to go back to the tendering stage. No wonder they were waving banners

Alan Lovell carried the day and the vote went through. Now they can call off the

saying: "Lovell must go." In the event chief executive

A European women's group is preparing to boycott Nestle's Perrier mineral water next



week unless the company withdraws a Belgian advertis-ing campaign which they say is offensive to women.

The billboard adverts, designed by Publicis FCB, show three naked women whose breasts are covered only by Perrier bottle tops, with the curious caption "wonder-bubbles".

Catherine Mackenzie-Smith is the organiser of one of the

Lloyd's of London's ginger groups which are threatening to spray writs for fraud around the market. She has quite enough work to do keeping the strangely named Non-North American Names Association on the ball. She

found even more on her plate last Friday when she flew back from the US to find her offices in Whitechapel, in London's East End. burgled.

Amongst the stuff that had

been nicked was a hard disc. drive containing "sensitive in-

formation," she says. So whodunnit? "I have no idea at all. But." its a funny thing that somebody should come to the third, floor of this very large build.

ing, she says. The police are continuing with their enquiries. Let's hope the "information". doesn't fall into the wrong .

The company may long since have been written off by the financial community, but in the booming construction markets of Asia and the Gulf. the Costain name still punches well above

its weight'

led in

## Shareholders give Costain one last chance Tostain has been written off so many times, and received such a torrent of bad press

along the way, that yesterday's petulant refusal to allow anyone other than shareholders into its extraordinary meeting smacked I slumming the barn door well after the borse had bolted. In the event the resolution to approve a proposed rescue of the once great construction and engineering group (market value £20m at the recent suspension price) was passed through more or less on the nod, despite an unlikely alliance between environmentalists and small shareholders.

Three-quarters of the 83 per cent of shareholders who bothered to have a view agreed that a heavily diluted shareholding in something was a preferable alternative to a bigger slice of nothing at all, well in excess

of the simple majority the company needed. So Costain has stepped back from the brink yet again, out of the hands of two potential Middle Eastern saviours (Kharafi Saudi Arabia) and into the willing arms of a new Far Eastern sugar daddy in the form of Intria of Malaysia, which will end up with a 40 per cent stake in return for underwrit-

ing a three for one rights issue to raise £73m. The company may long since have been written off by the financial community. which has lost 90 per cent of the value of its investment in the past 10 years, but in the booming construction markets of Asia and the Gulf, the Costain name still punches well

Shareholders were probably right then to television market. We will have to wait for the company one last chance to pull the fine print of the undertakings extracted the fine print of the undertakings extracted. give the company one last chance to pull something from the wreckage. Alan Lovell says he is already talking to Intria about joint contracts both in Malaysia and elsewhere. If potential clients can be reassured by a patched-up balance sheet that Costain will still be around to honour its contracts, there is plenty of work in places like Kuala Lumpur and, unlike in Britain, the prespect of making a profit doing it.

If it all goes horribly wrong, as things tend to with this company, then shareholders can at least console themselves that, this time, someone else wrote the cheque.

#### OFT lets BSkyB off lightly

The Office of Fair Trading is in danger of I missing a trick by accepting undertakings of Kuwait and Raymond International of from BSkyB over its trading relationships with the cable companies in place of a fullscale referral to the Monopolies and Mergers

> Whatever BSkyB might suggest to the contrary, the prospect of a reference would hardly be good news for the company when it is gearing up to invest considerable sums on the launch of up to 200 digital satelline television channels.

> The OFT, therefore, had a powerful weapon in its armoury with which to confront BSkyB's dominance of the subscription

from BSkyB but the danger is that the OFT will fail to maximise its firepower.

The undertakings cover so-called bundling BSkyB's ability to force cable operators to take a package of programming to qualify for discounts - and the wholesale price at which those programmes are supplied, which is fixed at 60 per cent of the price paid

by dish owners. These have been two of the biggest bones of contention with the cable companies because of the way they are inhibited from pricing and packaging their offerings in response to market conditions.

Action to prevent BSkyB abusing its dominant position in these two areas is to be welcomed. But it looks as if the OFT has missed the opportunity to strike decisively by tackling the whole area of encryption the little black boxes that enable viewers to convert scrambed signals into a night's entertainment.

Encryption services are available only from News DataCom. a subsidiary of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp which also owns 40 per cent of BSkyB. In theory, any cable operator could develop their own encryption system. In practice, it would be punitively expensive, meaning that the only access to encryption is through BSkyB. The OFT could have insisted that encryption systems be licensed and available on transparent terms to all programme providers.

Encryption lies at the heart of profitabilty of pay TV and, in the absence of any action from the OFT, there is every prospect of BSkyB's privileged position migrating from analogue to digital services.

The one crumb of comfort for the cable companies is that more than half BSkyB's net new customers are now being supplied by cable, not satellite dish, increasing their hargaining power. When BSkyB launches its digital satellite, however, the tables will be turned once more. The OFT looks like missing out on the chance to put a regulatory framework in place that will provide for tomorrow as well as today.

#### Flaws in the rosy economic outlook

When something becomes the conven-tional wisdom it is time to start thinking about why and how it might be proved

The current consensus about the world economy is that it is picking up in nice and sustainable fashion, with a near-synchronised upturn under way in the US, Japan and Europe. Germany is lagging a bit, so there will be another cut in short-term interest rates there. Rates in Japan and the US are expected to rise sooner or later, but probably later as inflation is still subdued.

This is unexceptional stuff, so what is the flaw in this rosy outlook? One clue lies in been known to run aground in open waters.

Wall Street's tantalising brush with a crash. The man who dropped a bombshell on the US market a fortnight ago, by pointing out that the ratio of stock market valuation to the replacement cost of corporate assets -Tobin's "q" - is at an all-time high reckons that the Federal Reserve faces an unappetising choice. It can either do nothing, in which case overvalued asset prices will trigger higher inflation. Or it can raise interest rates and choke off the signs of recovery in

the world economy.

According to the investment guru Andrew Smithers, one way or another there will be a price to be paid for allowing the Wall Street a price to be paid for allowing the wan street bubble to blow so long. The choice, he recknoss, is between inflation and recession, pointing out in a new report that previous US crashes from similar peaks have been followed by recessions. The fact that there was a boom instead after October 1987 has made us complacent. The risk of recession has increased with the hungerise in the exposure increased with the huge rise in the exposure of American households' savings to the stock market since then.

The length and depth of Japan's post-bubble recession this decade highlights the danger. A big fall in shares on Wall Street would probably send the Japanese economy under again too. There would be scant hope then for the

German economy's fragile recovery.

Those who find this prognosis all too gloomy and subscribe instead to conventio wisdom should bear in mind that ships have

## SFA seeks powers to prosecute over lax management

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

New rules being considered to-day by the enforcement committee of the Securities and Futures Authority, will make it easier to discipline senior executives of City firms that get into trouble.

The proposals were drawn up following widespread criticism of the SFA earlier this year, when Peter Baring, former chairman of Barings, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, escaped prosecution for rule

If the new rules are approved after a public consultation period which begins next month, top executives could be prosecuted by the securities regulator for falling down on key management tasks.

The SFA's present rule-book says senior executives have ultimate responsibility for compliance with the rules, but the statement is so generalit can prove impossible to pin down any specific offence on which charges can be brought.

The new rules are expected to spell out several objectives senior executives must aim to meet, including standards of the management of business senior people. But he believed generally, besides the quality of a balance needed to be struck.

internal controls and risk management. The SFA's rules on tee's meeting today coincides what it can say in public about cases may also be eased.

Now, if the SFA can show that top executives have failed to ensure controls are in place and monitored effectively, the regulator can bring formal charges.

Nick Durlacher, chairman of the SFA, says in the regulators' July briefing notes that the investigations of Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey "did not uncover evidence of wrongdoing by them that would have sustained a

prosecution for rule breaches." He said the two executives had agreed voluntarily not to apply to rejoin the SFA's register of individuals for the foreseeable future, and to accept responsibility for the failure.

But he added: "The absence of a finding of guilt led to a torrent of criticism of the SFA that proved damaging to the per-ception of regulation as a whole." Mr Durlacher promised the SFA would take into account the objections of senior executives to having greater responsibility placed on them

"vicariously" He said he did not want the pendulum to swing so far as to place unreasonable demands on senior people. But he believed

The enforcement commitwith the appearance of two other former Barings executives, Ron Baker and Ian Hopkins, at a hearing of the Commons

Treasury Select Committee. Mr Baker last month became the first senior Barings executive to criticise his colleagues in public, when he used a previous session of the select committee - protected by parliamentary privilege - to allege a cover-up, by former colleagues, of a £50m fraud.

Mr Baker, like Mr Hopkins, is fighting disciplinary action by the SFA, and both believe they have been unfairly blamed. Mr Hookins is expected to tell the MPs that he tried to blow the whistle on flaws in Barings' internal controls.

Separately, investigators in London and Frankfurt rejected reports from Germany that Nick Leeson, the former trader serving six and a half years in a Singapore jail for his role in the Barings collapse, has £23m deposited in German bank accounts.

Mr Durlacher, referring to earlier versions of the story, said in the SFA's briefing that no evidence has emerged so far to support the claim about Mr Leeson's supposed deposit. son's supposed deposit.

#### Big banks throw their weight behind the Millennium Exhibition



Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Min-ister and millennium commissioner, visiting the site of the Millennium National Exhibition in Greenwich, south-east London, said Abbey National, Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, Midland Bank and NatWest were joining the list of companies supporting the millennium festival.

The banks join Amec, British Airways, BAA, British Aerospace, British Telecom, BSkyB, BP, Corporation of London, Ford, GEC, Hanson Energy, London Electricity, Marks & Spencer, Reuters, the Royal Mail and Siemens, which are already committed to sup-porting the exhibition.

Mr Heseltine also announced the

appointment of Chris Peckham to carry forward the work of establishing the National Exhibition at Greenwich. Mr Peckham, a senior executive seconded from British Airways, will prepare the ground for the new operating company to be established to oversee the National Exhibition. Photograph: Andrew Buurman

## **BAA** buys Heathrow **Express**

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR ransport Correspondent

BAA, owner and operator of Heathrow airport, has taken sole control of the troubled Heathrow Express rail project.

The company announced vesterday that it had purchased the 30 per cent share of the venture owned by British Rail for £19.8m. This gives BR, which is being broken up and sold, a small profit on its £15m outlay made in March 1993 when the venture was created. The renainder of the project is funded

by BAA. In 1994, it ran into problems when a tunnel in the airport complex collapsed, bringing down an office block. The pro-ject, which had originally been scheduled to be completed in March 1997, will now not open until 1 June 1998, and the cost has increased from £300m to over £350m. When open it will offer travellers a 16-minute service between Paddington and

BAA's Director of Rail Strategy, Rod Hoare, said: "This is a logical move which makes sound commercial sense. Having full control of the new highspeed rail link will help us achieve our airport access pub-

lic transport strategy." The move was prompted by BR's need to sell off all its assets by next spring in line with government policy. BAA will work in partnership with Rail-

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## Compaq launches fierce new computer wars with 23% cuts

Belling pension payback falls short

DANIELLE ROBINSON

Wall Street was bracing itself for even bloodier computer price wars in the months ahead following Compag's move yesterday to cut prices by 23 per cent on existing computers and to introduce a whole new line of products as much as 16 per cent cheaper than its competition.

The latest onslaught by Com-paq, the world's leading per-sonal computer maker, has sent shockwayes through an already battle-scarred industry. Martin Reynolds, a senior an-

alyst at research firm Dataquest, said the introductions are as significant as the pricing structure changes that Compaq executed in 1992 and portend further shifts in the structure of the PC industry".

CHRIS GODSMARK

**Business Correspondent** 

a Staffordshire solicitor, Charles

US stock markets plummeted once again yesterday, with the Dow Jones Industrial average index off more than 50 points in the first hours of trading as technology stocks took another hammering.

The increasing number of casualties in the computer industry - including news from giants such as Hewlett Packard and Motorola that sales slowed in the second quarter - has in the past fortnight triggered Wall Street's sharpest correction

in its six-year-long bull run. Compaq's move is among the worst blows yet to its competitors because its superior cost structure has enabled it to reduce costs far more than others can afford.

"It's now a case of the strongest survive," an analyst at one of the largest brokerage

firms on Wall Street said.
"Those that have the lowest cost structure can afford to reduce prices to a level where their competitors start bleeding. Compaq has been renowned in the last 12 months for having such a phenomenal cost structure it can reduce its comput-

competitors cannot compete. The new Deskpro line of computers launched by Compaq yesterday is the first to benefit from the company's overhaul of its cost base, and represents a complete re-design of its commercial desktop PC line for individuals. small and

ers to a level at which

medium-size businesses. "The design reflects finehoned value engineering, allowing the buyer to pick and pay for just the features needed,

Its most basic model, which features a Pentium 100mhz microprocessor, will cost just \$1,000, which Company said is 16 per cent lower than its lowest point of entry for competitors.

Its top model in the new range, featuring a Pentium Pro 200mhz chip, will retail at around \$4,800. Compaq will lower the price of existing Pen-tium Pro processor based desktops by up to 23 per cent.

It's not so much that the technology boom is ending, but more a case of computer com-panies having mis-judged the sustained rate of demand growth in the \$120hn global personal computer market. "Everyone was anticipating such huge growth in PC demand that a lot of semi-conductor chip and PC manufacturers ramped up capacity," one analyst said.

#### IN BRIEF

• The Investors Compensation Scheme paid out a record £25.5m to 1.524 private investors in the year to 31 March, bringing the total paid out since the scheme began in 1988 to more than £100m, shared among 9,173 successful claimants. Three-quarters of the claims arose from the poor quality of financial advice given rather than actual fraud or criminal action, but the ICS also put a record 71 investment firms into default, an essential stage in the process of awarding compensation. Processing claims costs on average between £800 and £1,500 the ICS said in its annual report. The maxmum payout under the scheme is £48,000, but 90 per cent of all individual claims were for less than £30,000 and were paid in full.

 Kilbarrons, an investment business based in Sale, Cheshire, was yesterday suspended by the Personal Investment Authority. The PIA banned it from conducting or soliciting investment business. Any investor concerned or affected by the decision can contact the PIA Consumer Helpline on 0171 538 8860.

 Tate & Lyle's shares fell 2.5p to 456.5p after the company said a explosion at its Scottsbluff sugar beet facility in Nebraska would hit 1996 pre-tax profits by £10m. Any effect on results for the year ending September 1997 "requires further evaluation of the damage," the company added. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. Tate & Lyle made pre-tax profits of £331m in the year to September 1995.

 Reckitt & Colman has sold its Brazilian pigments and coatings unit, Globo SA Tintas e Pigmentos, for £60.1m to joint purchasers Bayer and Sherwin-Williams of the US. The sale does not affect Reckitt's household products business in Brazil, which includes brands Veja Multi-Uso, Poliflor, Nugget and Harpic.

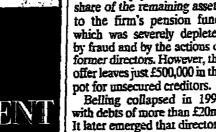
Hanover International's share dealings were suspended pending the £40m acquisition of six hotels in the UK from UFB Group. The company said it was considering making a placing and open offer of shares to fund the deal.

 T&N has sold AE Turbine Components, a maker of turbine blades and castings for the aerospace and power generation industries, to Precision Castparts Corp for £41m cash. The proceeds will be used to cut debts, said T&N.

• The European Commission has cleared Swissair's purchase of Allders International, the world-wide duty and tax-free shop at airports and on cruise liners. Swissair, which has duty and taxfree retail activities onboard its own aircraft and those of its 49 per cent owned affiliate Sabena Belgian World Airlines SA, will now have about 6 per cent of the European economic area's tax

and duty-free sector Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has decided not to refer The Go-Ahead Group's acquisition of Mockett, the holding company of London General Bus Company, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

 Mackie International Group's one-for-four rights issue of 2.4 million shares at 275p each has been taken up by holders representing 36.85 per cent of the issue. The remaining 1.5 million shares not subscribed for will be taken up at the issue price by on their pension entitlement." I the sub-underwriters.



Deacon, as an advanced fee for recovered, but it is thought the a promised \$50m (£32m) loan. trustees appointed to run the The cash never materialised Liquidators winding up the and the loan was not repaid. In affairs of the collapsed electric January Mr Deacon was jailed for nine years for fraud. cooker-maker Belling have

In another ill-conceived and offered to pay £2m, the lion's share of the remaining assets, highly unusual deal, the directo the firm's pension fund, tors, who also acted as pension fund trustees, sold one of which was severely depleted by fraud and by the actions of Belling's subsidiary companies former directors. However, the to the fund shortly before the offer leaves just £500,000 in the collapse. When the pension fund later came to sell the company, it made a loss of Belling collapsed in 1992 £4m. The outcome is thathunwith debts of more than £20m. dreds of people, who had not yet reached retirement age when It later emerged that directors had used the pension fund to try Belling called in the receivers. to avoid receivership.

They borrowed £2.1m from stand to receive substantially

the pension fund, a sum paid to reduced company pensions.

fund, the City-based Law Debenture Trust Corporation, are recommending that members accept the current offer from the joint liquidators, Deloitte & Touche and Buchler Phillips. The liquidators' ex-

penses will exceed £1m. However, the fund members' action group insists the scandal is far from settled. They argue that Belling had agreed to raise the value of pensions on the eve of receivership. If this more generous valuation is used, a fur-It is believed Law Debenture prefers to use a lower figure.

Jim Wignall, an ex-employee Some cash has since been who paid into the pension fund

for 21 years, explained: "We feel we should have been given all the assets from the liquidation. With this payout there's still a substantial shortfall." Campaigners continue to call

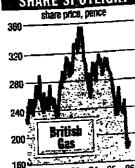
for a Department of Trade and Industry investigation into whether Belling was trading while insolvent in the months leading up to its collapse. In a Commons debate last week, the MP for Burnley, Peter Pike, said: "Warning bells should have sounded and the DTI should have acted. Many professional organisations and adther 13m remains unrecovered. visers failed to give the necessary signals and act properly. It is a disgrace that ordinary honest people have lost out

## TAKING STOCK

### DATA BANK

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Monday, the Jeremiahs eyeing up the nearest office warned, was meant to be melt-window ledge. down day. And so it nearly sion of stock market history, the recent 6 per cent correction in New York is only the beginning of something far more

dramatic. In 1929, 42 trading days elapsed between the peak in the US market and the Wall Street crash. The Dow index hit an all-time high of 5,778 on 22 May this year, exactly 42 trad-

ing days ago. London traders must have turned up for work yesterday morning to learn Tokyo had already fallen by 2 per cent overnight. An initial drop of almost 30 points in the Footsie seemed to confirm their worst fears but when Wall Street plunged almost 60 points in

in the event, London kept proved. According to one verits poise to close 29.2 points off at 3,681.3 in thin trading, but Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan as he presents the second leg of his testimony

to Congress. for Thorn EMI, which is in the process of de-merging its EMI music business from its rental activities. The shares shed 42p felt they really were entering the twilight zone when they turned up for work yesterday warned that it might take a £30m provision for its exposure to collapsed German electrical retailer Escom. Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman, also played down bid talk that has

MARKET REPORT

## PATRICK TOOHER

nouncement of a strategic re-

Andrew Teare. It will not only

set out which businesses do not

fit with his longer-term vision

believes, identify where the group's substantial resources

chairman Sir Dennis Rooke

reckons millions of Sids were

278p amid continuing specu-lation about a rights-funded bid for Docks de France. Today is Among blue chips the the last day for a counter-bid biggest mauling was reserved for the French supermarket chain, which is currently sub-ject to a hostile bid from rival

French group Auchan. Also in the dog-house was telecoms group Cable & Wireless, which gave up almost all of Friday's gains to close 14p lower at 413p as profit-takers pipeline arm until mid-August added to the positive senti-

stock to hit the headlines in recent days, said its Hunterston and Hinkley Point reactors resumed operations after a review by new chief executive cent shutdown. Floated amid much embarrassment a week ago, the part-paid shares briefly touched 102p in early for the group but also, and far trade - just a penny below the more importantly the broker price stumped up by institu-believes, identify where the tions - before ending the day

2.5p lower at 97p.

BTR, the industrial conshould be deployed.

British Gas, where former glomerate, firmed 1.5p to 237.5p, with NatWest Securities saying the market is failing to value the company's core conned into buying the shares, manufacturing businesses

statement on the TransCo statement to shareholders at

Photocopier suppliers were also in demand. Danka Busi-British Energy another ness, reporting on Thursday, rising 7p to 415p, while Eurocopy advanced 2p to 73p on renewed buying interest. Recent
interior results were better than expected and prompted cers. The broker argues this analysts to upgrade forecasts.

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term price target of 90p.
Troubled construction group Costain returned from suspension and a stormy shareholders meeting to see its shares quoted 7p up at 46p. Elsewhere in the sector

RMC bought a further 10,000 shares in the tiny quarry group Ennemix at 60p a share, tak-ing its stake to 4.77 per cent.

Telectrophoretics, the AIMlisted biotech start-up floated at 160p, nudged 3p higher to 103p. A recent note from Nomura highlights the potential of a collaborative deal with a leading diagnostic company to

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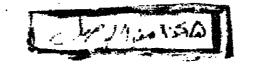
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Fears that investors' appetite for more AIM stocks may be sated were eased yesterday when shares in furniture retailer Uno made a sparkling debut. Placed at 134p, they raced to an impressive 13p premium, valuing the company at £20.6m. Based in Liverpool, Uno operates outof-town stores in Manchester, Leicester, Cardiff and London. The news augurs well for another new issue. Allied

240  240  British Gas  160 1991 92 93 94 95 96	morning to learn Tokyo had al- ready fallen by 2 per cent overnight. An initial drop of al- most 30 points in the Footsie seemed to confirm their worst fears but when Wall Street plunged almost 60 points in	er results from Ewi and warned that it might take a 230m provision for its exposure to collapsed German electrical retailer. Escom. Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman, also played down bid talk that has centered on EMI.  Other big company casualties included Tesco, down 5p at	lower at 413p as profit-takers moved in.  Leisure giant Rank Organisation slid 8p to 468p as its house broker NatWest reiterated its reduce recommendation on the stock. The cautious stance stems from uncertainty surrounding the imminent an-	reckons millions of Stos were conned into buying the shares, enjoyed a rare day in the sun, closing 4.5p to the good at 190.5p in active trade. Broker ABN Amro Hoare Govett reiterated its positive stance while news that industry regulator Ofgas is to delay its	manufacturing businesses highly enough. Shares in Powerscreen International rose 10p to hit an all-time high of 490p after the Northern Ireland engineering	Ennemix at 60p a share, tak- ing its stake to 4.77 per cent. However, after the market closed French group Lafarge claimed that it had won control of Ennemix with a 52.5 p share offer.  Company at 2.0.0ma Liverpool, Uno operates out- liverpool, Uno operates out- liverpool, Uno operates out- liverpool, Uno operates out- liverpool, Uno operates of-town stores in Manchester, Cardiff and Loudon. The news augurs well for an- other new issue. Allied Carpets.
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# Privatisation should kick-start developing world

Privatisation, for the UK at least, in effect ended last week. This is not just because the float of British Energy, the nuclear power generator, will be the last large privatisation for some time if there is a change of government at the next election. It is also because there are only a handful of other potential candidates for privatisation, of which only one, the Post Office. appears seriously attractive and likely to yield substantial sums. Even if a new Labour government wished to carry on the programme, it couldn't, for the cupboard is al-

People who still feel uncomfortable about the whole process of privatisation might extract some slight satisfaction from the fact that the float of British Energy has gone so badly, with the shares moving to a sharp discount. But perhaps the less partisan response would simply be to acknowledge that privatisation is going to stop being a British political issue, and instead become an international economic one.

For privatisation is going to race on in two other groups of other countries, within Continental Europe and in the developing world. As the graph, based on OECD figures, shows, while the UK has been relatively high on the privatisation league for the past three years, other countries have carried out even larger privatisations, while the non-OECD countries account for nearly a third of the total.

As the centre of gravity shifts away from the UK, we here will increasingly become aware of the global impact of the process. Here are half-a-

ompetitive advantage enjoyed by the UK over other European countries. For example, the French economy has been burdened by the need to carry the losses of Air France, which has not made a profit since 1989 and which this week gets approval for its final chunk of government subsidy, and Credit

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be able to do so. That may not sound large in overall fiscal numbers. But Lyonnais; Germany has had to cope with extremely expensive telephone and data transmission charges; Italy and Belgium with heavily loss-mak-

it is cumulative and it gives those countries a fiscal freedom thatwe will not have. And, over the next decade. Continental European governments will have the option of cutting their deficits by pushing up the pace of privatisation - whereas the UK can only cut its fiscal deficit the hard way. by increasing taxes or cutting real

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#### In the short term, the advantage enjoyed by the likes of BA will be narrowed

ing airlines. As these corporations are privatised (and, as important, subjected to market disciplines) their performance will improve.

So the efficiency of the Continental European economy as a whole will benefit. In the long term that will increase pan-European prosperity, and of course should be welcomed. But in the short term it means that the advantage enjoyed by companies such as British Airways will be narrowed.

Second, there will be a loss of comparative fiscal advantage experienced by the UK. In very crude terms, the governments of Ger-

capital markets will continue to be transformed by waves of new share issues. On the one hand, this will put pressure on the markets because absorbing the new stock will be diffi-cult particularly if the generally solid share price performance of the past three years is superseded by more nervous, difficult markets. (French privatisation issues have already fared badly, which has put a damper on the country's further plans.) On the other hand, the share issues seem likely to stimulate tax and regulatory changes that will encourage the growth of an equity culture in Con-

tinental financial centres. The fourth effect, leading on from this, is the supply of additional v securities neatly matching the

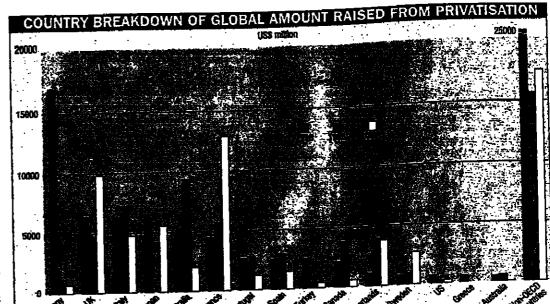
need for Continental Europe to huild its private sector pensions industry - which will need to acquire equity securities to match these pension liabilities.

Just this week the German government unveiled more details of its planned reform of securities legislation allowing insurance companies to invest more of their funds in the stock market to boost the use of unit trusts. Privatisation of pensions and privatisation of industry move hand

The fifth effect is to do with the fact that we are going to hear not just much more about regulation of privatised corporations, but also about their corporate governance. This is of course already a hot issue in the UK, where the rewards to directors of privatised companies have drawn great criticism. Expect it to become a much hotter issue on the Continent, where the culture of accountability to shareholders is even less secure than here.

In the case of Germany, mass privatisation may even be the driving force which reduces the influence of the banking system over the securities market, reversing a relationship which dates back to the 1930s when the banks acquired their large equity stakes.

Perhaps even more important than these pan-European changes, is the impact of privatisation on the non-OECD countries - the sixth fac-tor. We think of privatisation as a Western intellectual export, an example of the victory of the market system over state allocation of investment funds. In one way it is. But just as exporting this idea may narrow the comparative advantage of Britain against Continental Europe, so the export also narrows the



advantage of the developed world against the developing one. At present nearly a third of pri-

vatisations globally are in less-developed countries or what are called the "transition economies", economist-speak for the former communist countries. It is quitepossible that in another decade that ratio will be reversed, with two-thirds of the privatisations coming from the devel-

oping countries. For the moment stock markets remain completely dominated by the developed world, but it quite likely that a decade from now the developing world (or rather the rapidlydeveloping segment of that world) will jump ahead. The size of securities markets tend to follow the size

of economies, so it would be rational to expect the markets of China and India to reflect the size of those economies. By 2004 the World Bank estimates that developing countries as a group will have the same output as the developed countries, while some OECD estimates put China, already the secondlargest economy in the world, ahead of Japan, and India number five, ahead of France. Their securities markets remain tiny, but would, in time, develop anyway. The importance of privatisation is that it will give a kick-start to their develop-

than would otherwise occur. The key point here is that pri-

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flaws of the actual process by which firms are privatised and for all the deficiencies in regulation and corporate governance that it has re-vealed, it is one of the key aspects of the marketisation of the world economy: the creation of a more level playing field between the de-veloped and the developing world.

In time, too, privatisation will start to lose its political overtones. In the UK it still has political implications and doubtless that will linger a while yet. But elsewhere it is becoming a purely practical issue. As the focus shifts away from the UK - as it inevitably will - we will be able to see it in a more detached way. Unless, perhaps, we bought British

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## Lehman exploits void in pressure

Tim Glover on the unlikely triumph of a golfer who is no longer a runner-up

Nick Faldo predicted before the start of the 125th Open that a score as low as 14 under par would win the championship but even he could not have foreseen somebody scoring 73 in the final round to secure the old silver claret jug. Tom Lehman was allowed that luxury and in fin-ishing at 13 under for the tournament he won by two strokes.

"In the last round, when the pressure was on, the leading players didn't score as low as you would have thought." Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient, said, "I thought the course held up very well and the best players came to the top." When Lehman was joint second. behind Steve Jones, in the US Open at Oakland Hills last month, he was one under par.

Faldo, who was three strokes adrift of Lehman here following a 70, panied the American on the back at the 18th green and said: You deserve it." He was speaking for many players who are familiar with Lehman's history. A regular at the US qualifying school, his slender ĈV included victories in mini tour events such as the Reflection Ride Open, the Mississippi Guli Coast Classic and the Santa Rosa Open, In 1986. down to his last \$1,000 (£645). and without a tour card, he was forced to play in Asia and see the need to quote from South Africa. "Lehman's a Joshua 1-9 to Faldo, his playing fierce competitor, Jack Nicklaus said. He's got all the in the Ryder Cup. He's not a with." Lehman said, "He played natural so he's had to pay his dues and he has to work at it. awfully well but did not make any putts whatsoever. It's easy

shots and he's fough as we saw On Sunday Lehman won £200,000, the reward for his first major triumph although he had the has that kind of swing it come close in the US Open on makes it hard to be in his comthree occasions and was runner- pany. I could tell Nick started

Eritannic Assurance

County Championship

Essex v Nottinghamshire

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ESSEX - First Innings 368 (G A Gooch 91, Prichard 80° M N Bowen 5-119).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - Second brings 415
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Lancashire v Derbyshire OLD TRAFFORD: Derbyshire (ZIpis) beat Lancashire (?) by two wickets.

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Commonwealth And toss



Penultimate act. Tom Lehman putts at the 17th on Sunday, knowing that only disaster could deprive him of his first major

up to Jose Maria Olazabal in the Masters two years ago. At Oakland Hills, in Detroit, Lehman played in the last round with Sieve Jones, another born-again Christian, and offered his opponent encouragement by quoting from the Bible. He did not see the need to quote from partner here on Sunday. "Faldo was an absolute gentleman and an absolute pleasure to play to see why he has won so many major championships. When

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Fait 1-14, 2-22, 3-220, 4-227, 5-230, 6-233, 7-240, 8-287.

7-2-0, 8-267.
Did not batt A J Hams.
Bowling: Chapple 15-0-55-3; Martin 8-1-15-1: Yeedy 21-1-91-3; Watturson 12-3-0-7-0; Eworlty 8-0-35-0.
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Northamptonshire v Mikidlesex

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S4: JP Taylor 5-36). NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - First framings 172 IK N. Curran 55:10; A R C Fraser 4-28).

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M J Kitchen and K J Lyons.

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Glamorgan (16) ..8 Northants (3).....9

Kent v Pakista

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**Tetley Challenge Series** 

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losing confidence with his putter and did not stroke the ball well. If he had got his rhythm going with the putter it could have been a different scenario."

In the last round of the Masters at Augusta Faldo was six strokes behind Greg Norman and won by five. Although he generally outplayed Lehman here from tee to green he missed a string of putts. Lehman, who could hardly miss a putt in compiling a 64 in the third round, was also having problems on the greens. "The putter," he said, "felt like lead. I was able to get away with the mistakes I made.

Emie Els got to 13 under par on the back nine but could not

KENT - Second innings 200 (Saqtain Musin-taq 4-63).

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rset v South Africa A

SOMERSET - First formings 301, (M N Lathwell 108, K A Parsons 62).

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**Tour Match** 

PAKISTAN - Second Innings Aanter Schall & Cowdrey & Headley Shadab Kater & Ward & Cowdrey ...

sustain the challenge. "I wanted Lehman to look at the leaderboard and put pressure on him but I just couldn't finish it," Els said. "I had everything going for me." He shot 67 to finish joint second with Mark McCumber.

The only American to have won at Royal Lytham was Bobby Jones in 1926 but on Sunday there were five in the top seven. With the links becalmed. Paldo had also predicted a good week for the Americans. As Faldo went head to head with Lehman on Sunday afternoon, the man from Scottsdale, Arizona, had to put up with a few uncharitable remarks from

male streaker on the 18th fairway. "I thought the one at Wimbledon was a lot better," Lehman remarked. The streaker was collared by the Lancashire police and led away in handcuffs but he was later released without charge.

Bonallack acknowledged that spectators were generally better behaved at the Masters at Augusta National. "They have the ultimate sanction there. If anybody doesn't behave they ensure that he will never get a ticket again. We don't have that option. The Open is not an allticket affair and it would be very difficult to make it so."

The R & A said they would spectators not to mention a have no hesitation in bringing that was the missing link.

for Union solidarity Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN A distinguished old Lion, Tony

O'Reilly calls

O'Reilly, yesterday added his powerful voice to the great rugby union debate. On the eve of the Home Unions summit meeting in Cardiff, O'Reilly. who went on two tours with the British Isles in the 1950s and won 29 caps for Ireland, appealed for common sense and unity among England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

"This is a very important meeting," O'Reilly said. World rugby should not be dominated by any one media company, be it the BBC, ITV, NBC, CNN, and certainly not by BSkyB. The notion of rugby football becoming, in a sense, user-friendly, as dictated by the media or entertainment managers of a media company, whatever media company, is like tampering with the rules of golf, or the rules of soccer."

O'Reilly is the chairman and chief executive of the American company HJ Heinz and is also chairman of the Independent Newspaper Group, which owns a 46.5 per cent stake in this

newspaper.

His Lions experiences have convinced him of the value of unity at all costs among the British Isles and Ireland. "Australia, South Africa and New Zealand want to play the British Isles far more than they want to play the individual countries," he said. "The four home nations have always been together and, having played on two tours to South Africa and then Australia and New Zealand, I feel qualified to talk about this.

"The negotiating bodies for any TV contract can only be appointed by the four home unions or their professional appointees. No single union has the right to go off and sign. "Club rugby is different and, having played for Leicester for

it from that point of view. If the Baths, Bristols, Cardiffs and Swanseas wish to negotiate their best terms with any TV companies then that's their business. But the Five Nations tournament is sacrosanct.

"The four home unions and not any individual union should negotiate with all the media companies and get the best deal - and that may well be with BSkyB - for all the game and that includes the players and the spectators.

O Reilly, who is now 60. painted a bleak picture for rughy in the northern hemisphere. He is one of the owners of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team and said the unions should emulate American football. There the franchise holders put & all the money into one pot. That is then divided equally among the 30 teams.

O'Reilly said the game's goveming body then puts a cap on the amount of money that each club can use to pay players and be is convinced a similar scheme would work well in the new era of professional rugby union.

It would mean each club would have, say, £1 million for wages, they either pay one man the whole lot or perhaps 20 men £50,000 each," he said. "And with a system like that you would get an automatic cap on the number of players at any one club because of the limitation on how much they should be paid."

He made a final appeal to the four Home Unions. "Negotiate as one, the Five Nations. Let the clubs negotiate for themselves." And he advised them: "Accept less today for a more orderly tomorrow.

If O'Reilly's advice is followed it could result in a much reduced offer from BSkyB but would certainly rekindle the interest of the terrestrial broadcasting companies and fulfil the wishes of the Welsh, Irish and Scots, who had been vehemently opposed to Sky's perceived many years, I know a lot about monopoly on live broadcasts.

## Pakistan lifted by ljaz

Cricket

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Canterbury Kent 262 & 200 Pakistan 194 & 269-2 Pakistan win by eight wickets

The Pakistanis were able to iron out the problems in their buildup to Thursday's first Test against England at Lord's on a shirt-front of a wicket with not a single crease to distract the batsmen from their task. There was a fearsome century from Ijaz Ahmed, who was obligingly allowed to bat himself into form and the confirmation, if any were needed, that Shadab Kabir is a fine prospect.

Kent paid for some poor forward target, one which Ijaz's became the unlikely victim of

power play reduced to inade- Cowdrey, who easily outdid his quacy in his 163-ball innings. There were four thumping sixes, the last of which took the tourists to the total required with more than 20 of their allotted 90 overs remaining. The result belied Kent's lofty

table, but there were some not so confident that Saeed bright spots, notably Graham Cowdrey's catch in the morning to dismiss Aamir Sohail. The celebrations were wild, but in the next session and a half Kent were tamed. Ijaz muscled in and bustled

around as he and Shadab smashed the Kent bowlers to all parts of the St Lawrence Ground in a fine secondwicket stand of 186.

It was a shame that Shadab could not stick around, but he

morning celebrations when Trevor Ward snapped up a catch at slip to send Shadab back into the pavilion after four hours out in the middle. His third halfcentury in four innings contained a dozen superbly struck position in the Championship boundaries and if Pakistan were Anwar will have recovered from his stomach upset, he might well have been in with a chance.

the Open back to Royal Lytham

and estimated that the town

would benefit to the tune of

£18m. They thought the pace of

play was quicker than at St An-

drews 12 months ago, Although

several Americans chose not to

play in the championship the

most surprising absentee was

Tony Jackim, exempt from qual-

ifying after winning the Open

here in 1969. The attendance for

the week was 171,000. When

Seve Ballesteros won here in

1988, the attendance was

203,000 but play went to a fifth day because of torrential rain.

Last week there was not a

cloud on the horizon and bare-

ly the whisper of a breeze and

The news is not so good for Waqar Younis. Having been reported to have recovered from a hamstring strain, his captain, Wasim Akram, let it be known that the fast bowler will need a strenuous work-out today to establish his level of fitness. Wasim said they did not

wish to risk the injury at all and that Waqar had not yet proved he was 100 per cent fit.

## **England's return is** no pie in the Sky

The prospect of further aftershocks following England's expulsion from the Five Nations' Championship has receded. Tonight in Cardiff, representatives of the four home unions, headed by their presidents, meet in Cardiff where they will discuss reinstating England, writes David Llewellyn.

That is an essential preliminary to what is to follow if the future of the Five Nations, and indeed northern hemisphere rugby, is to be safeguarded. If England are to be restored to the competition - and the negotiating powers of the Rugby Football Union president, John Richardson, and Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the executive, will be tested to the full - it should open the way for more prolonged - heated even - discussion on the issue of television broadcasting rights.

However, any talks will not come down simply to a matter of the RFU fobbing off the other four nations - always assuming France wants to come in for a share of the pot - with a hand-out from its £87.5m deal with BSkyB, expected to be around £40m.

At the root of it all is the vexed question of satellite television and its exclusivity. While England was happy to sell its rights for all matches, representative and club on English soil, to BSkyB, the other unions France having secured its own deal, worth around £7m for each of the next three years - have so far eschewed the option of accepting some £96.5m from

That sum may even be increased by Sky, which has offered Wales £40.5m and Ireland and Scotland £28m each. Were France to chip in its £21m, the split would approach £120m between the five, around £24m per year for the next five years.

If the other countries agree to this proposal, all that then remains is to work out a satisfactory compromise to allow terrestrial television a share of the Five Nations live broadcasting rights. The RFU thinks that Sky could be persuaded to grant rights for an even split for the 10 Five Nations matches. That could well appease the

Welsh, especially with the possibility of terrestrial television broadcasting live Wales versus England at Cardiff. Sky's involvement in the

game is unavoidable. Terrestri-

al television just has to find a

way to compete in an open market and the game has to come to terms with the inevitable. David Young, the Wales Rugby League captain, has been offered a £30,000 international squad contract by the WRU, making him the first player returning from the 13-aside game to be given such a deal. Young, capped at union by Wales and the Lions, has joined Cardiff from Salford for £65,000 but cannot play until after the

Super League season finishes on

8 September.

## Cork displays requisite bottle

reports from Old Trafford Lancashire 587-9 dec & 174-3 dec

Derbyshire 473-8 dec & 289-8 Derbyshire win by two wickets

Having enjoyed almost two energy sapping days in the field at the start of this match. Derbyshire were rewarded for their patience with their third Championship victory in four - and lifth place in the table - although amid rather more anxiety than they can have envisaged at five o'clock.

At that point, with the minimum 16 overs left. Derbyshire were 204 for 2. With the outfield parched and the pitch providing no great assistance to Lancashire's spinners, the target of 289 offered by the home side's

declaration at lunch looked well within their scope.

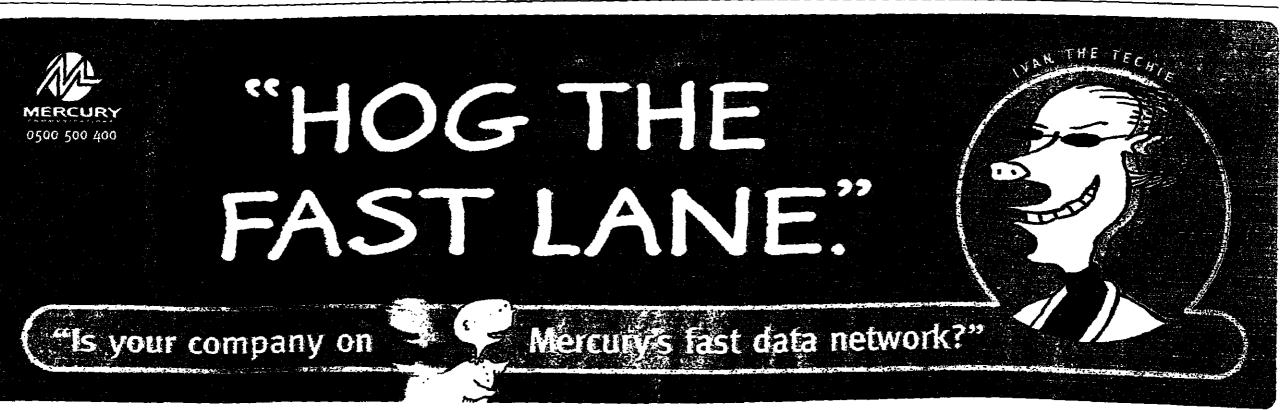
But the loss of five wickets for 20 runs changed the complexion of the match and Derbyshire were grateful that Dominic Cork had the confidence to take matters into his own hands. Scoring 34 runs off just 16 balls, the England strike bowler saw them home by two wickets with three balls to spare.

Coming in at 240 for 7 with less than six overs remaining, Cork announced himself with a six off the left-arm spinner. Gary Keedy, but it was against the same bowler in the penultimate over of 65 that he swung the balance Derbyshire's way, hitting two fours and a six among 17 runs, blotting his copybook only when an ill-judged call for a sec-ond run on a misfield caused Karl Krikken to be run out.

were needed off the last six balls and it would have taken an exceptionally good over by Mike Watkinson to deny them. Derbyshire's wobble followed

the departure of their captain, Dean Jones, whose third century of the Championship came in a third-wicket partnership of 198 with his predecessor, Kim Barnett, Jones sent in Phil DeFreitas next, hoping the England all-rounder would continue in the vein of his 29-hall Sunday fifty, but the move not only backfired but had a domino effect.

Against friendly bowling earlier, John Cawley finished 97 not out, setting up the declaration in the absence of the England captain, Mike Atherton, who had been called as a witness in the Imran Khan libel hearing at



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# 'Classic attempt to buck trend

SUE MONTGOMERY

A maximum of only 11 horses will line up for Britain's richest all-aged middle-distance race, the King George VI and Oucen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, at Ascot on Saturday, Although the field can undoubtedly justify a "small but select" life - the Derby winner Shaamit, last year's runner-up Pentire, the Gold Cup hero Classic Cliche and Ireland's best four-year-old Oscar Schindler are among the acceptors - the fact that only two prospective runners are trained outside Britain emphasises the decline in the race's status as an international

The 12-furlong race, established in 1951 and with a purse of £500,000 this year, used to be perceived as equal in prestige to the great autumn decider, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. It was a multi-national contest which attracted runners from abroad (France, Italy, Germany, Ireland, the United States, Argentina, Japan, Belgium, New Zealand and Australia) as a matter of course, but lately has become little more than a domestic affair. The reason is the modern shift in emphasis from the early and middle part of the season to the end; the proliferation of rich prizes throughout the autumn. notably the Breeders' Cup series, means that connections of top-class foreign horses have become more inclined to rest them during the summer.

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The first 27 runnings produced a score of Britain 13, Rest of Europe 14 (eight from France, five from Ireland and one from Italy), but since The Minstrel's victory in 1977 only one raider, St Jovite in 1992, has scored. The French used to run their best horses as a

YARMOUTH

2.15 Thordis

2.45 Surprise Event

3.15 Lear Express

GOING: Firm (watering).

matter of course, but their last winner was Pawneese 20 years ago, and if her compatriot Swain turns out on Saturday he will not if the ground is firm - he will be only the fourth from his country to do so in the

The lowering of the King George's prestige is a shame because the test it provides is a fair one and it is more often than not won by the best horse in Europe. For quality in depth the Arc usually attracts the hest field of the season, but for quality of winning performance racegoers at Ascot generally

have best. In the past 10 years five King

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Crimson Rosella (Yarmouth 4.45) NB: Micherado (Worcester 4.00)

George winners - Opera House, St Jovite, Generous, Nashwan and Reference Point - have achieved higher figures in the end-of-season International Classifications that the Are winners of their year -Urban Sea, Subotica, Suave Dancer, Carroll House and Trempolino - two pairs (King's Theaire and Carnegie, Mioto and Tony Bin) have been rated equal, and only Saumarez was judged better than his Ascot "oppo" Belmez. Lammiarra and Dancing Brave won both

Statistically, three-year-olds have an edge over their elders, having taken 25 of the 45 previous runnings. And of the 14 Derby winners to have competed in the year of their Classic triumph in the past quarter of a century, all but four have won, good news for the connections of Shaamit. But, unusually for an Epsom hero, he is likely not to

3.45 SHANGHAI GIRL (nap)

4.15 Bahamian Bounty

4.45 Crimson Rosella

STALLS: Straight - stands' side; rest - maide.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: ligh for 51 to 1m.None.

Left-hand course, level and fair.

Course is N of town on A149. Yagmouth station 1m. ADMISSION: Gub \$12; Tancessils \$8.50; Family and course enclosure \$4.50. CAR PARK: \$1. Left-hand course.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Thomson Jones - 20 winners from 83 runners at a ratio of 24.1% giving a return to a \$1 level stake of +\$41.10; J Gosden - 20 winners, 85 runners, 23.6%, +\$2.22; C Brittain - 20 winners, 150 runners, 13.3%, +\$35.45; H Ceelf - 18 winners, 85 runners, 21.2%, \$33.74; M Bell • 14 winners, 84 runners, 16.7%, -\$1.35; M Ryan - 10 winners, 97 runners, 10.3%, -\$32.00; D Loder - 8 wunters, 41 runners, 19.5%, -\$3.09.

LEADING JOCKEYS, R. Hills - 32 winners, 144 rides, 22.2%, +\$47.02; L. Dettori 35 winners, 132 rides, 19.7%, 444.38; M. Hills - 26 winners, 155 rides, 16.8%, 44.43;
 W. Ryan - 22 winners, 132 rides, 16.7%, 438.12; P. Robinson - 22 winners, 150 rides,

14.7%, \$19.51; G Duffield - 18 winners, 117 rides, 15.4%, +\$24.48.

400511 WED PALM (20) (C) (D) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4 10 0 ......

HYPERION

2.00 Big Treat 2.30 Supermodel 3.00 Evangelica 3.30 Janvani (nb) 4.00 Micherado 4.30 King's

GOING: Good to firm (watering).

Left-hand course, level with long straights, easy turns and a one

inriong run-in.

Course is on the A443 by the River Severn. Worcester (Foregate St) station Im. AOMISSION: Members \$12.50; Tamessails \$9.50; Course \$5 (OAPs \$2.50). CAR PARE: Free; picnic area parking \$2.50.

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LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Liberty James (2.00) sent 143 miles from Mrs E Brooks Montdeigh stable in Devon; Jamesni (3.30) sent 133 miles from Dr J D Scargil's Newmarket snable in Suffolk; Marconetta (2.30) sent 132 miles from M Ryan's Newmarket stable in Suffolk; Bowland Park (2.00) sent 128 miles from E Al-

RUNKERED FIRST TIME: Supermodel (visured, 2.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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14.7%, \$19.51; G Duffleld - 18 winners, 117 rides, 15.4%, +£24.48.

RLINKERED FIRST TIME: Princely Sound (visored, 3.45).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Surprise Bevent (2.45) sent 227 miles from W Turner's Corton Denham stable in Somerset; Cross Of Valour (3.45) sent 227 miles from J Toller's Whitsbury stable in Hampshire; Ramsey Hope (3.45) sent 229 miles from C Fahrburs's Widdleham stable in North Yorkshire; Thordis (2.15) sent 201 miles from P Ashtur's Ogbourn Malsey stable in Wileshire; Code Red (4.45) sent 190 miles from J Hills's Lumbourn stable in Berteshire; Bold Clausic (4.45) sent 190 miles from M Chamon's Upper Lambourn stable in Berteshire; Bold Clausic (4.45) sent 180 miles from J Unitop's Arundel stable in West Sussex; Gymerak Flyer (2.15) sent 182 miles from C Holmes's Newton-On-Rawelliffe stable in North Yorkshire; Throl's Treasure (2.45) sent 190 miles from K I Ivory's Radlett stable in Hertfordshire.

2.15 SCRATEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 7f 3yds Penalty Value £3,629

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S4001 SYMERAK FLYRE (12) (D) (Symers Roung Chib G Homes 5 9 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Deen Melferum 5
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- 5 declared -BETTFIG: 9-4 Thongs, 11-4 Wild Pale, 7-2 Syncraft Figer, 11-2 Amesome Venture, 7-1 Rad Admira

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FORM SUIDE

This first by over the trip should be just the ticket for THORDIS, who has done all his racing at six furiongs. Peter Malan's three-year-old, a winner at Leicester last October on his that and first appearance of 1995, nan his best race so far this term on his reappearance when a five-length second behind Hoh Returns at Doncaster in May. Thordis was not discredited next time when fifth (of rune) to U-No-Harry at Lingdald, a course which did not suit, and ran on when a fair fourth in La Pettle Fusee's race at Chepstow 12 days ago. Wild Palm and Glymoraki Filter must, be respected as they are both on hat-tincks. Wild Palm, who went it on good to and at Nottingham last season, also nandles a fast surface and returned to winning form in an apprentices' event at Newmarket, last morth Unpenalised for that, Wild Palm followed up and rates the chief threat off a Sib higher mark. Gymcrak Fiyer loves firm going and has scored tince each season for the past three years.

Selection: THORDIS.



stayers' race, became the only

Gold Cup runner to successfully

revert to the shorter distance

Sheikh Mohammed has already

re-written the modern rule-

books with the campaigns he

plans for his horses, and it is

greatly to his credit that Clas-

sic Cliche is to be given the op-

portunity to demonstrate his

versatility.
With Michael Kinane part-

nering the Godolphin runner,

Richard Hughes has picked up

the ride on the Hardwicke

Stakes winner Oscar Schindler

for Kevin Prendergast. Hughes

will travel to Ireland on Thurs-

day to become acquainted with

start favourite, the last to have that dubious distinction being Snow Knight, who finished sixth

to Dahlia in 1974. If the weight of recent history favours Shaamit, one who will be trying to buck a trend is Clas-

has ever won a King George, and it is rare to even find a horse to go on from one to the other. Blakeney was second in both in 1970; II years before that

sic Cliche. No Gold Cup winner

test betting on Saturday's King George at Ascot					
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Of Tara	38-1	33.1	25.1	25.1	
. Mirabilis	50-1	50-1	88.1	50.1	

ELIZABETH SIMPSON SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000

added 2YO 7f 3yds Penalty Value £2,259

SILCA'S MY REY (13) (Marcigo Facing Linded) M Channon 8:11— SURPRESS ENERG (7) (BE) (H G Carnel & Son Lid) W Tumor 8:11— SOLD MOTION (13) (Four Score Racne) C Muray 8:6— SHARAZAMATAZ (B) (Ms Maron E Southcott) W Haggis 8:6— IHROL'S TREASURE (Ms Valene Hubbard) K Hory 8:6—

FORM GLIDE Favourite when third behind previous scorer Barmood Crackers and Spondulicies over to-day's trip at Brighton a week ago, beaten a short head and 1.1/4 tengths, SURPRISE EVENT

day's trip at Brighton a week ago, beaten a short head and 1.1/a lengths, SURDYRISE EVENT had also taken minor honours on his preceding start against Without Friends at Christow. Bill Turner's juverille can recoup losses with Peter Chapple-Hyam's good 5th-claimer Robert Harkin booked for the ride. Roma Rawenge made virtually all and held on determineday at Beverley this morath with Silica's Mly Key staying on into third little more than a length back. Roms Resenge Brisshed 19 lengths behind Surprise Event at Brighton and Silica's Mly Key, who meets him 5th better, should reverse the Beverley running, especially as he has turned in an improved display since in finishing third behand Buzzby at Newmarket. He could give the selection neight in the

RONS REVENCE (7) (D) (A S Red) M Ryan 9 2 ..

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3.15 Im 3f 101yds Penalty Value £3,629

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2.00 LINCOMB MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 4f

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30-2 BORN TO PLEASE (45) P. Hoths 4 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_ A P. McDoy

0-56 CARNINAL CLOWN (29) K. Bishop 4 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_ R Greene

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2.30 HUDDINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m

024300- LESERTY JUNES (297) Mrs E Brooks 9 11 5.

(1482 LADY OF LESUIFE (USA) (SS) (Mrs Arma L Sancies) Mrs J Ceol 4 9 4 ... 42 LEAR EXPRESS (19) (BF) (The Thomaghired Corporation) H Ceol 3 8 12 5035 ROYAL ACTION (29) (E Carter) J Banks 3 8 12 ....

FORM GUIDE

LEAR EXPRESS should outgun his neels. This US bred horse, an \$80,000 yearing, dinited from 6-1 to twice those odds when a five-length fourth of 13 to Lakeline Legend on his introduction at last month and showed the benefit of the experience when market leader and running the more experienced Qasada (who was dropped in class and in distince) to a neck over the trip here 19 days ago. Pat Eddey take the mount for the first time on the selection, who has been ridden by Willie Ryan in both his races so far. Ryan now teams up with

stablement Welcome Parade, a Generous colt making his debut. Welcome Parade is the second foal of the Sharter Dancer mare Jubilee Trail, whose first offspring was the useful Peace Envoy. Lady Of Lethaner, from Julie Cecil's yard, ran her best race from four alternate when besten 144 lengths by Alrech at Redcar in May.

Selection: LEAR EXPRESS

3.45 NORTH WALSHAM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 3YO 6f 3yds Penalty Value £5,796

## Investigation into

An investigation will be held into the death of the jockey Richard Davis. The Jockey Club announced yesterday that four officials would be dis-cussing all the factors that led to the tragedy. The investigation committee will be chaired by Robert Waley-Cohen, a race-

course steward. will take place at Earl's Croome church, in Worcestershire, at

## Davis tragedy

Shamgha) Girl went off at 5-2 on when making her debut at Lingfield (Equitrack) in Febru-ary, but dropped away to finish last of four to Docklands Lamp after leading briefly rearing three out. Devid Loder's thy overcame a three-month absence when a length and three-quarters too good for Bollin Loanne (who has oun well in both races since) at Reddar in May. quarters too good for soom Joseph who has full was forced to give best nearing the fine at-the favourite at Rippon last time, Shanghai Guf was forced to give best nearing the fine at-ter a great set-to with WhittieRock and went down a length and a quarter. She can improve but may have to play second fiddle again here, this time behind STLVA PARADISE. Che Brittain's colt, who wound up with a Follestone (soft) victory last term, also handles a first surface and ran Midnight Escape to a head in a much hotter heat than this over the stiff surface and ran Michaght escape to a head at a much moder near tran one over the surfive at Ascot last time, and is only 4th higher today. His three previous races this year were
at seven furious and the six could be just right. Sykar Peredies finished more tran times
largers in front of Matazeed (who dirthed from 16-1 to 33-1) when they were that and aoth
of 12 to King Of Peru at Goodwood (77) in May and can confirm the form on 8th less favourable
terms. Cross Of Valous was racing for only the second time when landing a Folkestone
maderia auction less month and should progress further, but Sykar Peredies is expected to
have his measure at a difference of only 4th. Princetly Sound, successful trace on the Lingfield Equitrack early this year and a Chester scorer in May, hearn't shown much lately but
outlike prominent in the first-time visor.

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4.15	EBF SCROBY SANDS MAIDEN STA added 270 5f 43yds Penalty Valu	NKES (CLASS D) £5,000 Le £3,460		
2	BAHAMBAN BOLINIY (12) (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 9 ( CASILE ASHBY JACK (13) (Mrs Choline Loke) P Hor MACKID TITON (Mrs. Luck Mooth) Bon Jones 9 ()	R Hughes 4		
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O BREFFN (13) (Descripting Partnership) C Allen 8 9... VALENTINE FARRY (No. Sieen Williams) R Boss 8 9...

FORM GUIDE

BAHAMIAN BOUNTY looks a safe wager to go one better after his tramendous effort first time up in running Grapeshot to a neck at Newmarket 12 days ago. Up front throughous, David Loder's Catiesux Genereux cost was worn down close to home and is certain to progress. His dam is from the family of Stiha. The other pair with experience have shown title and second place can go to Ron Boss's debutants Valentiae Fakry, a daugher of the same stable's Access Travel.

4	.45	BELTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 6f 17yds Penalty Value £3,960
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3	420	CLASSIC COLLEEN (17) (Classic Biocastock Ptc) R Hores 3 9 8
4		ARROTIKOS (12) (Shelich Mohammed) J Gosden 3 9 3
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vila, 4-1 Junior Ben, 9-2 Arhtilles, 5-1 Mansur, 13-2

FORM GUIDE

The best of BOLD CLASSIC is yet to come and he looks the answer here on his first venture into handicap company. John Dunlop's three-year-old finished 11 lengths clear of the tind when a five-length numer-up behind Hal Hoo Yaroom over course and destance four weeks ago and he will have Pat Eddery's assistance for the first time. It has been difficult to fathom Crimnon Rosseller's best distance. Starting over six furlorigs this season, she has been fined at seven furlorigs, a mile and a quarter and, last time, a mile and half at Folkestone, where she cidn't do bedly in taking the minor postoon behind Mixta's Star. While Hagiss steps her up in distance yet again here, and almough she is helf-sister to Mr Brooks who was a ament sponter) among others, she might well leat the trip out. Auslier Ben and Manuster have had their chances, but could go well here.

Selections BOLD CLASSIC

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4.00 HEREFORD AND WORCESTER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £5,000 added 2m

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4.30 CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m

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An inquest into Davis's death rill be opened and adjourned in Newark today. Davis's funeral noon on Friday.

> Southampton's long-serving midfielder Neil Maddison may stay at The Dell if a Football League tribunal puts a disputed transfer out of the reach of Crystal Palace today.

## **United** give Yugoslav trial period

CATHERINE RILEY

Manchester United are giving trials to Partisan Belgrade's 17-year-old midfielder Marco Marcovic. The teenager has attracted the attention of several top European clubs, but has been offered the opportunity of a possible permanent Old Traf-ford deal if he can sufficiently

impress in the next fortnight.

This is a wonderful chance for me, Manchester United are one of the biggest clubs in world football and to be here is a tremendous thrill," Marcovic said. "I'm not looking too far ahead, all I can do is give it my best shot and see what happens."

Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers striker, is to meet with the Ewood Park club over newspaper speculation that he is set to leave. He has been linked with Manchester United, Newcastle and several Italian clubs.

"I have been made aware of some newspaper stories of the past two or three weeks and will doubtless have a chat with chairman Robert Coar when I return to training at the end of the week to find out the reality behind the headlines," Shearer said vesterday.

Birmingham City are selling the striker Paul Peschisolido and the midfielder Richard Forsyth as they attempt to raise £1m to buy Blackburn's Mike Newell. Peschisolido will end a second

spell at St Andrews by joining First Division rivals West Bromwich Albion for £600,000, only four months after returning to Birmingham, who expect to re-ceive £200,000 from Forsyth's pending move to Stoke.

Maddison has agreed per-sonal terms with the Palace manager, Dave Bassett, but there is disagreement over the transfer fee. Since the transfer is conditional. Palace can back out if the tribunal supports

The Southampton manager. Graeme Souness, has lined up two new signings after holding talks with midfielders Graham

Sorensen of the Danish club The Leicester City manager. Martin O'Neill, is trying to prise two players from his old club. Norwich City. O'Neill, who left Carrow Road last December, made a £1m bid for Darren Eadie and signed the defender Justin

Potter of Stoke and Palle

Harrington on a free transfer.
Paul Parker, the former England defender, will not be joining Portsmouth for their pre-season build-up. Parker trained with Portsmouth last week after being freed by Man-chester United, but returned home without signing.

The Football League have condemned the decision of the Plymouth chairman, Dan Mc-Cauley, to charge journalists to watch matches at Home Park. McCauley is taking the move af-ter blaming criticism from the local Press for his decision to put the newly promoted Second Division club up for sale.

Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, said: "Ironically, this season we have issued guidelines to football clubs for the very first time about media relations. This move by Mr McCauley rather flies in the face of all that, although it's the clubs' preroga-tive to determine their own arrangements."

Rangers' security chief, Alistair Hood, remains sanguine about next month's visit to Chechnya. Walter Smith's side face Alania Vladikavkaz in the preliminary round of the Champions' League, and the second leg in Vladikavkaz has aroused concern over both the conflict and a diphtheria outbreak.

Hood has just returned from Russia and said any problems can be overcome. "As far as the war is concerned, I understand the fighting is 50 miles east of Vladikavkaz. I was told if it is to spread, it would spread eastwards. There has been an outbreak of diphtheria but the players will receive inoculations rainst that and tetanus as well."

#### SPORTING DIGEST

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Football

Frantisek Planicka, who captained the Czechoslovak team that finished sec-ond in the world championship held in Rome in 1934, has died aged 92. He was considered the best goalkeeper of the 1930s.

Jan Litmanen, the Finnish international, has extended his contract with Ajax for another two seasons. MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Galony 3 MajorState O.

Veteran Willie Wood won the first vic-tory of his career by shooting a final round five-under 67 for a one-shot win at the Deposit Guaranty Classic in Madi-son, Mississippi. Wood's finishing score of 20-under 268 edged out fellow Amer-ican Kirk Triplett, who fired a four-un-der 68, finishing with an eagle on the 18th hole.

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Dottie Pepper, struck an excellent approach shot and birdled the final hole

proach shot and birdled the final hole on Sunday to overtake Brandle Burton and win the LPGA Friendly's Classic, her third victory in five weeks. Pepper won the Rochester International and the

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PGA EUROPEAN TOUR VOUND ENVIRONS
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Allenby Mais £282,551; 4 C Rouze b) £253,337;
5 A Coltant (Sco) £226,886; 8 W Riley (Aus)
£215,431; 7 P Harmingon (Rep of th £194,353;
8 S Arnes (I'm) £183,584; 9 P Leane (Sco)
£186,711; 10 R Gootem (Sc) £175,101; 11 F
Nobio (NZ) £170,390; 12 P McChristy (Rep of ind £186,334; 13 P Peyme (Err) £150,430; 24
M A Immenz (Sp) £149,180; 15 P Michiel (Erg)
£146,334; 16 M McNully (Zm) £145,917; 17
R Russel (So) £143,190; 18 I Westmoon (Erg)
£140,820; 19 F Romeo (Arg) £132,319; 20 D
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SONY RAPSONOS Landing poettions: 1. G Norman (Aus) 11.27 pm wes: 2 C Montgomene (CB) 9.38; 3 E E SAI 9.74; 4 F Cargiola (KS) 9.19; 5 N Fatto (SB) 9.96; 6 C Peem 8.90; 7 T Lehman (US) 8.41; 8 M Casio Uagaru 8.35; 9 N Prac (Zm) 8.27; 10 M Others (US) 7.03. GB; 22 I Woosnam 4.62; 25 \$ Torrance (4.32); 48 B Lane 3.13.

The Kingston Hawks have signed Michael Cavannah, the 26-year-old Canadian defence man, who joins the Hawks from North American hockey having played in the East Coast hockey league for Tallahassee Tiger Sharks.

MORLO SUPERBIRE CHAMPIONISHPS (Lagraniser Receive), California) Such nome: Race 1: 1.1 Roomsto (165) Duran 4 Shim 03.153aer, 2.7 Conset (AND Duran) 4-0.1213aer, 3.8 Hootgon: (Gg) Duran 4-5.360; 4.0 Edwards (US) Yemater + 2.300; 5.4 Spc; (R2) Horda Castrol + 2.5652; 6.1 Hole (US) Duran + 17.360; 7.5 Caster (N2) Komasaic + 25.637; 8.0 Fogarty (GB) Horda Castrol + 2

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**Motor racing** 

TV yesterday announced details of their Formula One coverage, promising that commercial breaks will cause minimum disruption to the sport's showcase events. It begins presenting the Formula One season in March 1997 and will show qualifying sessions and feature pro-grammes on each grand prix as well as providing saturation coverage of the ac-tual race itself.

Rugby League Australian Premierske: Sydney City 8 Marty 34.

Rugby Union

Gloucester, the Courage League club, lost over £140,000 last year. According to Doug Wadley, the club treasurer, the arrival of professional rugby and a drop in marketing and advertising income at King-sholm are the principal reasons for the deficit and there will have to be a marked rise in the cost of season tickets and Charges at the gate.
THEO STUDENT WORLD CUP Final: France 38 South Africa 20.

Michael Chang, seeded second, yes-terday won his second title of the year by beating the fourth seed, Wayne Fer-reira, 6-2, 6-4 at the Legg Mason Class-te trumpert in Westington, Chang

rera, c-2, c-4 at the Legg Mason Classic tournament in Washington. Chang will now move to a career-high No 3 on the ATP Your rankings.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Group A: Hungsryv France (Digon, 4.30); Bel-gum v Portugal (Besançon, 4.30); Group St. England v Spain (Amneville, 3.0); Italy v Re-public of Ireland (Luxembourg, 6.30). FRIENDLY MATCHES: Evestorm Utd v Oxford Utd (7.30); Chertsey Town v Slough (7.30)

Speedway PREMIER LEAGUE: Poole v Long Eaton.

GOLF: English Women's Amateur Stroke; Championship (Little Aston). TENNIS: LIA Inter-County Championships (East-bourne). Liten's Northern Electric Open (David

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#### Hat-trick scored at Musselburgh Football and racing history were horses whose connections are McDermott and club captain made simultaneously at Mus-former football internationals. Peter Beardsley. selburgh yesterday afternoon Mick Channon, Francis Lee

with a hat-trick of victories by and Kevin Keegan, who be- soccer players being associated tween them represented Eng- with different winning horses on land on 136 occasions, were all the same card," Keegan said directly involved in turn with the after Bride's Reprisal, also bred THE INDEPENDENT successes of Victoria's Secret, by his wife, had won the 3.15. RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + Encore M'Lady and Bride's Reprisal the winners of the first Franny and I were all at one three races on the card. In fact, time in the same England squad LIVE COMMENTARIES LISTOR it was a double strike for Channon as he also trains the last ment. It was in the early 1970s,

> was present to witness the being beaten by Poland." event. But Keegan had flown up from the Newcastle United's chairman, scored only his sectraining ground by helicopter ond winner of 1996 when

"This must be a first, three ex-

Keegan went on: "Mick,

named filly for Keegan's wife leading up to the 1974 World Cup for which England unfor-Neither Channon nor Lee tunately failed to qualify after Lee, the Manchester City

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# Brazil beaten and bowed by Japan

They found it so difficult to take in. Brazil, billed as the "dream team" of the Olympic football tournament, were beaten 1-0 by Japan in their opening group match in Miami on Sunday evening. The Japanese worked hard for their victory, but the decisive goal came from their

only shot at goal. Middlesbrough's Juninho. who had run his legs off with lit-tle support, looked stunned as he walked off the pitch at the country is allowed to strengthen their squad, sat on the pitch and held his head in his hands. Some of the several thousand delirious Japanese fans, many



wearing white headbands with their national Rising Sun symbol. decribed it as the biggest win in their sports history.

Nigeria joined Japan at the top of Group D with three points after a 1-0 victory over Hungary in Orlando, Florida, the three over-age players each also on Sunday, so the Brazilians now need to beat Hungary tonight and Nigeria on Thursday to be sure of qualifying for next week's quarter-finals. With their exuberant fans

making up most of the 46,000 crowd, the Brazilians appeared to treat the first half as a training session. Juninho was the main threat, pushing forward on several runs only to be blocked by the sturdy Japanese defence. Eight minutes after the break, he beat the Japanese goalkeeper, Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi, with a cross-cum-shot from the right, but was foiled by the

Maybe the Brazilians were still thinking about the female streaker who had romped on to the pitch three minutes earlier when the Japanese sent a long ball forward in the 72nd minute, causing defender Aldair and goalkeeper Dida unexpected

dair's head into the path of Teruyoshi ito, who only had to slide it into the net to take on

national hero status. Even the introduction of Ronaldinho, the man who signed for Barcelona last week for a fee estimated at around £10m for Flamengo's Savio, failed to unsettle the Japanese

The organisers had placed Brazil in Miami because of the huge Brazilian community but the fans, many carrying drums or tambourines, left in stunned silence. At home, the tournament is being billed as the next best thing to the World Cup and the one football trophy Brazil

problems. The ball came off Al- has never won, despite reaching the final twice.

The Olympic tournament, run in four groups of four, is split between Miami and Orlando, Florida, for groups B and D, and Birmingham, Alabama, and Washington DC for groups A and C. The quarter-finals will be played in Miami and Birmingham, with the semis and the final in Athens, Georgia.

Argentina, powered by the Atletico Madrid midfielder Diego Simeone, beat the United States 3-1 on Saturday to lead Group A from Portugal, who beat Tunisia 2-0. France, who defeated Australia 2-0, lead Group B from Spain, who edged Saudi Arabia 1-0. In

Group C. Mexico and South Korea share the lead after 1-0 victories over Italy and Ghana respectively.

A women's tournament is being held in the same cities. with two groups of four, listed as groups E and F. After the opening games, the United States leads Group E after hammering Denmark 3-0. China lie second after beating Sweden 2-0 in a match played before a swelling Orange Bowl crowd arriving for Sunday's Brazil-Japan men's game. In Group F. Germany are alone at the top after a 3-2 victory over Japan. Brazil drew 2-2 with Norway, the world champions. thanks to a last-minute goal.



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Delight for Japan after Ito's 72nd-minute goal gave them a shock victory over Brazil

## Herbert out to add to his crying gains

Garry Herbert's tears on the rostrum were one of the images of Barcelona. But, as he tells Mike Rowbottom, success this time will be much harder

For any spectator unfamiliar with the role of the coxswain. Their performance yesterday, the scoreboard beside the finish line here yesterday spelt it out: "The person who directs the boat.

British men's eight, the simple business of directing a boat is pretty low on the list of requirements. Somewhere near the top would be: "Passing on the winning habit.

That is something this 26year-old harrister has acquired over the years since he became a recognised figure in the sporting world by coxing Greg and Jonny Searle to gold at the last

Herbert's tears on the ros-

trum as he stood alongside broadly grinning teammates became an image to set alongside Gazza's tears in Turin, a moment when the deep emotions of sport were given unforgettable expression.

In the years that have followed. Herbert. Britain's leading cox, has had other triumphs. including a world title win again with the Searle's - in 1993, an MBE,

and, last year, a Herbert: Positive attitude

call to the Bar. But it is for that moment that getting up at dawn and being he is chiefly remembered outside rowing circles - and he is entirely comfortable with that. "If I'm upset, I tell people. If I'm happy, people know I will express my feelings. People do come up to me and say, 'You were the one who cried' or whatever. That's OK. It brought a bit of recognition to the sport. Since Barcelona, the profile of the whole sport has just gone

Thus he and his friends from the close-knit rowing fraternity found themselves sitting prominently dongside the protessional athletes at the BBC Sports Review of the Year. sporting cases. The only difference was that while they went away to train the next day, we went back to

Herbert, as articulate as you might expect a barrister to be, has a major role as a motivator to a young eight whose preparations in the last two months

illness to three of the crew. when they finished fourth in the preliminary, left much work still to be done before tomorrow's second chance in the

For Garry Herbert, cox to the repechage.

Back in 1992, Jonny and Greg and I had a dream run to the Games," he said. "But when there are eight the chances of things going wrong are that much greater.

"We have had a miserable season, but I bring just a belief that things can be turned around. I've coxed boats that have been blown out of the water in the first round and then gone on to win the regatta.

If you can say that these

things have actually happened to you. people more likely to

While tearson-the-rostrum was the image far as the watching world was concerned. Herbert cherishes two other moments.

The came when he eventually reached mother, father and girlfriend in the stand. "It

was so good that they were there to see what all the gone for weeks on end was all

Another moment came two days after the victory, back in the Olympic village. I was just sitting watching it get dark and Greg came up and gave me a

great big hug.

We had some good laughs doing television and all that media stuff, but things like that you can't buy.

However things turn out at these Games, Herbert will retire at the end of the season to concentrate on a law career which he hopes will involve work in the growing area of

But he will take with him memories of sublime moments which his sport has provided him with, moments which go beyoud actual victory.

"It's when you feel in tune with the boat," he said, "The guys are happy, and you know they are happy. It becomes like



Boris Preti, of Italy, shows some symmetry on the asymmetric bars in the team gymnastics event yesterday

Photograph: David Ashdown

# Britain feel benefits of specialisation

American football has used the concept for years, a specific performer to do a specific job. But Britain heading the field in specialisation? Even the country's men's hockey manager seemed a little surprised to find his team at the tactical van-

"For the first time ever Britain decided to lead the way." David Whittle said after -2 draw with Korea opened their Olympic programme in Group B. He was referring to Perfectly. Britain were award-Impressive fightback brings Britain some consolation

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HOCKEY By Guy Hodgson

the use of short-corner striker Calum Giles, who would not be anywhere near the team in terms of skill but who takes to the field whenever a short or penalty corner is awarded.

from their first penalty corner. Hilary Rose blocked Wietske de

Ruiter's initial powerful shot, but

with Kath Johnson slow to clear

off the pads, Jeannette Lewin

slipped in to snatch the lead.

to take advantage of the Dutch

being reduced to 10 players fol-

lowing temporary suspensions to

Carole Thate and Noor Holsboer

for nearly half the first period.

they were back on terms seven

Although Britain were unable

left his seat on the bench, calmly scored a goal and then re-that we've got the best and he's turned to the sidelines. There's started to prove it against Ko-15 very good field players out there." the Havant striker said. They play 15 different roles

and I play a 16th." Giles' part is an isolated one because Britain are out on their own even though he has accrued 34 goals in 55 international appearances. "We are the main team using this tactic." Whittle said. "A lot of countries

Rhona Simpson won a penal-

stroke following a scramble

in the Dutch goalmouth after Jill

Atkins' penalty-corner strike. Hightown's Chris Cook beat

Jacqueline Toxopeus from the

spot. As the game swung from

end to end, a tremendous bat-

tle developed between Karen

Brown and the Dutch centre-

forward, Ellen Kuipers, Brown

coming out on top. Some resolute defending set

Britain up for the third game to-

ed two penalty corners. Giles have got good short corner rea. We reckon if we can get 20 to 25 per cent of our short corners in we will do reasonably

Technology is also helping as Britain have video cameras in the stands recording how their opponents will defend against him. "The coach will always give a call to where we believe there's a weakness." Whittle

day against the USA, who yes-

terday had a stunning 3-2 win

against Korea, thanks to early

goals by Tracey Fuchs and Mar-

cia Pankratz before a full house.

The Koreans clawed their way

back to 2-2 until, with 16 sec-

onds remaining, Barbara Marois slammed home the win-

The Australians, world cham-

pions and favourites to win

gold, gave another impressive

performance in beating Ar-

ner at a penalty corner.

said. "We have a library of pictures of all their short corners. We know the formation they run out at us. The coach suggests a shot to Calum and he has a happy knack of putting it away.

As for Sunday's result, Whittle was content despite Korea's goal two minutes from time that denied Britain a win. "At least we have got a point on a very good side. Very last, very fit and we're not really disap-

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the board," he said. "Korea are so far is 16th at Burghley last year - Parsonage was unfortunate to follow New Zealand's multiple medal-winner Vicky Latta into the arena. Latta rode an immaculate and attractive test on Broadcast News for 41 penalties, strengthening, her team's position after Blyth Tait and Andrew Nicholson had scored 48.80 and 47.20. thanks to aggressive, attacking play and the first hat-trick of the

Magic Rogue became tense toward the end of his test, especially in the second walk. "He'd much rather gallop," Parsonage said. "He thinks

Competitors remain cautious course will ride today. The heat, however, no longer seems the biggest worry. "Everything possible has been done to help us," Davidson said, "The course has never been shorter for an Olympics, so it's down to us.

#### minutes into the second half. game, the Dutch took the lead have been severely disrupted by an increasing circle." Britons are brought back down to earth

The glories of the first day for the British crews at the Olympic regatta on Lake Lanier gave way on the second to some grim truths when the four contenders finished last or second last in their opening heats.

Usually one crew will qualify from the heat direct to the final or semi-final with the remainder to progress through the repechage. As a result crews will decide early on that they cannot win and will work on saving energy for the next round allowing others to take the psychological edge as well as a day off.

Among yesterday's casualties were two potential medal-class boats. The men's lightweight double scull, Andy Sinton and Nick Strange, had a tough draw



with the Italian Lucerne winners and an Irish pair that included

Niall O'Toole. After 500 metres the British double was narrowly in front and looking good but in the next quarter the whole field swept through them and they were just under three seconds off the lead at half-way. Thereafter, a direct place in the semi-final was out of reach so they sculled over in tandem with the Irish. Nick Strange has a rib injury and has been out of the boat for a

avoid further risk. The women's eight has nev-

Great Britain's women bounced

back from their opening 5-0

defeat by Korea when they re-

covered from going a goal down

after 11 minutes for a creditable draw against the Netherlands.

In a hard, uncompromising

er beaten the United States and Romania this year but have the chance of a bronze if it can stay ahead of Canada and Germany, both of whom were drawn in the same heat. Ali Gill the stroke admitted afterwards: "We had a terrible start", and amazingly in the fast moving eights event managed to drop six seconds in the first quarter which it is almost impossible to recover. In the end they finished 15 seconds off the pace in the slowest eights time of the day.

The men's eight had a bad result starting in lane one against the world's best this year, the Netherlands. They had the ad-

week, and probably wanted to vantage of some shelter from a slight cross head wind and lost half a length in 20 strokes which had extended to a length after 500 metres but they plugged away and overtook the Ukraine while the Dutch spreadcagled

the field. The men's lightweight four. with three former world champions, has emerged from a strenuous selection procedure out of one of the toughest lightweight groups in the world, but has not combined to show the pace its pedigree suggests. When it too lost a length to the first quarter mark the crew cruised to the repechage where they will have to beat one of Ireland, Austria and Spain each of whom was faster vesterday.

Queues of up to 100 athletes were left to steam in the 90 degree sunshine and high humidity vesterday as the transport system for the Olympic regatta in Savannah creaked at

the seams. For the sailors, there is no escape and it is difficult to make separate, personal arrangements to travel the 40-minute trip by boat down the river. They first have to be bussed from the village hotel in downtown Savannah to the already remote regatta centre on the site of the boarded-up Sheraton Hotel on Wilmington Island.

There they have to wait on an open landing stage to be taken. to the Day Marina, which is early south-westerly to soften off Day Marina.

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150,000 sq ft of barges lashed

together at the mouth of the

The shuttle service was running erratically ahead of the opening race for eight out of the 10 classes, making life worse for the competitors, even though they are given priority, and doubly frustrating for support staff who are not.

Conditions were expected to be difficult, too, on the water. Local experts were predicting an

The long road to the regatta and back into the south-east before strengthening again. However the British team's

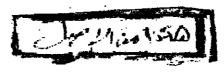
weather expert. David Houghton, thought the breeze could stay strong and in the south-west all day, conditions which would suit both the Soling trio of Andy Beadsworth. Burry Parkin and Adrian Stead. and the Star duo of Glyn Charles and George Skuodas.

Ben Ainslie in the Laser and Shirley Robertson in the Europe prefer light to medium winds. but all the sailors will have to watch for the kind of sudden squall which terminated the practice race on Sunday and saw many competitors capsize as they scurried for cover on the



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The different countries represented in the 480-strong German Olympic squad - the most cosmopolitan at Atlanta. Countries of birth range from Poland through the Ivory Coast to Mexico and Azer-



# sad exit By Mary Gordon Watson

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The Olympic champion, Matt Ryan, of Australia, withdrew from the three-day event at the Georgia International Horse Park yesterday because his horse, Hinnegar, has bruised a foot. It was a sad way to begin the second day of dressage. and following the withdrawal of Mark Todd, the individual winner in Los Angeles and Seoul. there is dismay that two Olympic "superstars" are not able to take part.

Although Ryan has a reserve horse, Alater Pedis, in Atlanta, he will not be riding in the individual event as it was only second reserve to Andrew Hoy's Gershwin and has not been kept at competition fitness.

Gillian Rolton, who rode for Australia in Barcelona, steps into Ryan's team place with Peppermint Park, while Gershwin now competes in the indi-

vidual event. Ryan disguised his disappointment well. "Horses are always at risk when they're working this hard, he said. "Hinnegar's foot problem is 4 minor, and he'll be fine in three or four days. We still have a stronger team than when we won in Barcelona, and it's on the cross-country that we shine. So ll go for it, we're in with a

good chance. The United States team maintained their dressage lead following an excellent test from their third rider, Bruce Davidson, on the nine-year-old, Hevday. Davidson, the perennial team rider, was delighted with the horse's performance: "He tries very hard all the way through." Their score, 42.60, combined with Karen and David O'Connor's 39.60 and 40.80, kept his team in the

lead, ahead of New Zealand. Canada also fared well to case into fourth place ahead of Britain, whose third member. Gary Parsonage, was penalised 62.60 for his efforts on Magic Rogue. With little international experience - his best result

dressage is a waste of time."

## McIntosh makes an early exit

Britain's interest in the Olympic fencing competition ended early yesterday morning. Too ear-ly for Fiona McIntosh, who was still yawning as she began her fight with Ivana Georgieva, of Bulgaria, in the foil event.

The 36-year-old Scot, who is currently living in South Africa where her husband works, lost 15-4 in the first round which took place at 8.15am. She had no complaints. "I'm uscless this early in the morning," she said afterwards. "It was always go-ing to be a tough fight. The Bul-garians are better than their seedings show. Georgieva was tall and awkward. Also, she was

left-handed. But it's an achieve-ment just getting here."

McIntosh rallied slightly in mid-fight after soon falling behind. At 6-3 she seemed to be waking up, but the Bulgarian continued to take the initiative, leaving McIntosh few opportunities to counter-attack. She knew she needed to be more mobile, but said: "I found it difficult to go straight into a fight

without a preliminary round." A new system results in competitors of Melntosh's comparatively high standard having no opportunity to ease themselves in. There are no simple fights, which has had the effect here of seeing Britain's team of two quickly disappear.

Britain's most experienced fencer, McIntosh has been national champion four times and was eighth at the Barcelona Olympics, Time to retire? "No, I've no intention of that. The facilities in South Africa are excellent, so I'll carry on to the next Commonwealth championship - my sixth" she said, but she is unlikely to fight again for Britain in an Olympics. "I had a tremendous day in Barcelona,

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but here it was just one of those bad mornings,"

On several occasions yesterday, her usual mental toughness seemed to desert her. She made several misjudgements and the Bulgarian's greater reach and speed gradually made the outcome inevitable. She had only known that she

would be competing here in May, when a Dutch Olympic qualifier dropped out. "I'd kept in shape, but it was not an ide-al way to get mentally prepared."

Britain's only other fencer here. James Williams, a former soldier, was unlucky to be controversially knocked out of the sabre competition late on Sunday. It was generally acknowledged that he fought eleverly, but eventually succumbed 15-11 in the second round to the World No 4, Sergei Charikov of Russia.

Williams, second in the European qualifying zone for the Games, took a 3-1 lead and seemed to be capable of causing an upset. He took Charikov to 8-8, but at 14-11 he was the victim of a serious error by the referee when the decision on a parry-riposte went against

Williams had been impressive in the first round against the highly experienced American Peter Westbrook, His 15-8 victory suggested that he had a chance against Charikov, but several poor refereeing decisions left him at a disadvantage. However, he said he felt that in another four years he would be reaching his peak.

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Shooting



OLYMPIC GAMES

## Sweatman harks back to youth

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By Philip Nicksan

an's attacks, and their went

ahead with a three-point score,

knocking Rekowski backwards.

of the main competition against Aneta Szepanska, of Poland, Sweatman lost concentration for

a moment and was easily

thrown for ippon (10 points)

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throw. Just how disappointed

she was could be seen in the first

round of the repêchage against

Gabon's Melanie Nguena, for

it was Nguena who scored first,

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**⋘ Water Polo** 

**⋘ Medals table** 

However, in the next round

As a child learning judo at the Pinewood Judo Club in Bracknell, Rowena Sweatman, the 28year-old middleweight, learned a turn into a hold which Don Werner teaches all his pupils. And it was that move - the Pinewood roll - which she used nearly two decades later to win her second fight in Atlanta yesterday and keep her in con-

tention for a bronze medal. It did not come a moment too soon. Sweatman began the day with a good win over Anja von Rekowski, the talented 20-yearold Austrian who had, surprisingly, eliminated Emanuella Picrantozzi, Italy's former world champion. The British fighter, who now teaches judo in Manchester, contained the Austri-

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Heat 4: 1 D Sylambyev (Ibr) 1:58.04; 2 T Medicon (Ibs) 1:56.86; 3 P Horeath (Hung) 1:58, 76; 0 L Barriett (Earl) 2:00.28; 6 D Arrand (Fil 2:00.06; 7 T Nemerons (Uppar) 2:00.87; 8 C Ergenelan (Tur) 2:01.65.

Heat 5: 1 S Goodman (Nus) 1:57.77; 2 S Meller (Hung) 1:58.97; 3 S Aartsen (Neth) 2:00.09; 4 C C Bremer (Ger) 2:00.48; 5 A Care (Hung) 2:00.50; 8 A Offers (Il) 2:00.67; 7 A Releasibly (Rus) 2:00.77; 8 N Mora (Ven) 2:01.50.

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Heat 3: 1 N Stevenson (Aus) 1:02-50; 2 Yan Chen (Chura) 1:02-62; 3 A Buschschulat (Gen) 1:02-63; 4 N Zhasaneskage (Rus) 1:02-94; 5 H Rocardo (Fr) 1:04-03; 6 E Priera (Sp) 1:04-41; 7 Chiong He (China) 1:05-87; 8 V Averez (Arg) 1:02-38; 3 M Nelson (Jenom) 1:02-30; 4 N Rocardo (Fr) 1:03-17; 5 L Lyssonthe (NZ) 1:03-30; 6 T Alshammar (Swe) 1:03-79; 7 A Knivisto (Fri) 1:05-25; 8 D Kornotowicz (Po) 1:06-70.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Sweatman kept calm, caught Nguena on the ground, remem-bered her childhood lessons, and, utilising the Pinewood roll. clamped on kuzure-tate-shihogatame (broken upright four-quarters hold) in a lot less time than it takes to say it. She now

meets Odalis Reve, the Olympic champion, in the next round. Ryan Birch, Sweatman's companion and training partner, was outclassed in his first fight against Darcel Yandzi, of France. Birch, seeking ground-work to apply his favourite armlock, was thrown with hizaguruma (knee wheel) for seven points, and then a footsweep for

tipping Sweatman over on to is still optimism in the team be-her side with a cross leg-grab. is still optimism in the team because we have real medal prospects in the lighter categories," Mark Earle, the British learn coach, said.

Japan's Hidehiko Yoshida, one of the favourites for middleweight gold, was thrown for ippon in his first fight by Romania's Adrian Croitoru with a superb footsweep and had to fight back through the repêchage for a chance in the

But as expected, the early rounds were totally dominated by Korea, with Min-Sun Cho, the women's world champion, and Ki-Young Jeon, the men's world champion, both producing stunning throws round afa further three points. There

## Women aim to wrestle in 2000

Wrestling

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Female wrestlers are registered in 56 countries - a number that is increasing steadily and the international wrestling federation, Fila, is hopeful of

seeing them competing in 2000.

"The standard is high in women's wrestling and it's love-ly to look at," Michel Dusson, secretary general of Fila, said. "We're hoping to have it accepted this year." He said Fila would have to include women's wrestling within the eight days allotted to wrestling in the

Olympic programme. Women would fight at fewer weight divisions than the men and only in the freestyle event. and some men's categories might have to be cut. However, Dusson said it would be worth it: "There's less strength involved, but it's more dynamic.

It would be very exciting."
Yuri Melnichenko of Kazakhstan won his country's first summer Olympic gold on Sun-day, denying the United States a home victory by defeating world champion Dennis Hall in the 57kg Greco-Roman class. Hall had attracted an enthusiastic home crowd to the At-

lanta conference centre hosting the ancient Olympic sport, but they were soon silenced when Melnichenko, the 1994 world champion, used his superior speed to take a 4-0 lead in the first minute of the five-minute bout. Hall fought his way back into the match, grabbing a quick point with a throw-down in the last seconds, but had to

settle for silver. The Poles were on top form in Sunday's session and took two of the five golds on offer. Andrei Wronski, the 1988 Olympic and former world champion, ended what he said would be his last Olympics with victory over Sergei Lishtvan of Belarus.

It was the closest bout of the afternoon, lasting the regulation five minutes and three minutes of sudden-death extra time without any points being scored. Wronski won by a judges' deci-SIOIL.

Another Pole, Ryszard Wolni, bulldozed through France's European champion, Yalouz Ghani, in the 68kg class with a seven-point gold medal victory.

Shim Kwon-Ho of South Korea took the gold in the 48kg class, beating Aleksandr Pavlov of Belarus, while in the 82kg fi-ual, Turkey's Hamza Yerlikaya blocked out Germany's Thomas Zander for a three-point win. At the age of 20, Yerlikaya is now European, world and Olympic champion.



## YESTERDAY IN ATLANTA

## Finns ban shot putter

Atlanta '

The Finnish shot champion, Markus Koistinen, is report ed to have been dropped from his country's team after failing a drugs test. The Finnish sports association said that Koistinen, who is still in Finland, has had a temporary

competition ban imposed on him with immediate effect. Koistinen tested positive for the banned substance chorionic gonadotrophia succ winning the Finnish national championships in Tampere just over two weeks ago. Antii

thickening of blood, heart attacks, strokes, soft tissue swelling hypertension and en-largement of the heart, liver and spleen. It can also lead to dia-

#### Leslie breaks pain barrier

Basketball

The American women's basketball team showed some of the dazzling moves of their male counterparts on Sunday when they beat Cuba 101-84. The gold medal favourites were a little cautious at first, but after Lisa Leslie received a painful blow to the head - she called it "a wake-up call" – they

pulled away. Point guard Dawn Staley contributed seven spectacular assists. I think Dawn really made some fans for women's basketbell today with her passes and her plays," Tara Van Derveer, the US coach, said.

The defending champions, Russia, used their size advan-

tage to beat Japan 73-63, but may have lost their starting backcourt of Svetlana Antipova and Irina Sumnikova through injury. Brazil had four players in double figures while Canada had none in the South Americans' 69-56 victory, while Australia, wearing distinctive skintight outlits, scored a 76-61 triumph over South Korea.

betes, Koistineo, 26, was 10th at the World Championships in Gothenburg last year.

No salute

Pihlakoski, a team official, said: "He will not be going to

Chorionic gonadotrophin is a growth hormone which builds

up weight and expands muscle bulk for increased endurance.

Its side-effects can include

for Savon Boxing

Cuba, led by the heavyweight champion, Felix Savon, have matched the Americans step by step. However, the formidable team has few friends among a partisan crowd. Sayon, five times a world

champion, closed the Sunday's programme by outpointing Andrei Kumyavka of Kirghizstan, 9-3 to maintain Cuba's 100 percent record in five fights. Despite being level 1-1 after the first round. Savon rarely looked in danger.
The Cuban lightweight,
Julio Gouzalez Valladares, earlier outclassed Romeo Brin, of the Philippines, 24-13. Whistles and catcalls

greeted the verdict. The Ugandan lightweight. Franco Agentho, lost 12-8 to Fabrizio Nievas, of Argentina, but won a standing ovation. Henry Konsi, a lightweight from Bougainville Island in Papua New Guinea, also won the crowd's affections despite losing on the tie-break to Brazil's Agnaldo Nunez.

#### Life's not a beach

Beach volleyball

Britain's team of Audrey are amateurs and everyone Cooper and Amanda Glover else does it full-time." Vince will have the ridds stacked Joyce, their coach, said, against them when they launch their Olympic programme against Australia at form as best they can," he said.

Atlanta Beach today.

While the pair struggle to fit in their training around their jobs the likes of Brazil \$100,000 (£66,000) a year. get something out of it.

"Anything around sixth would be a tremendous achievement considering they

The interest is there with them qualifying for the Olympics, now we need to double and treble it. Everybody and the United States are knows that beach volleyball is professionals, earning up to not just a recreation -you can

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nal Coverage: Olympic Grand-BBC1: 07.00; 09.05, 1340; BBC2: 20.30: BBC1: 22.10. Sateline Coverage: Eurosport; continu qua coverage from 06.00.

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#### SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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MEN: 400 metres individual medicy final 1 T Dolan (US) ...... 2 E Namosník (US) . 3 C Myden (Can)..... 

WOMEN: 200 metres freestyle Final 1 C Poli (Costa Rica) 2 F van Almsick (Ger) 3 D Hase (Ger)

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(569) 52.58; 3 D Mularon (S Marrio) 57.11;
4 K Al-Dhahen (Rule) 57.70. Did not steat: A
Al Gezal (Yemen).
Neet 2:1 R Mesoulis (Litr) 50.27; 2 I Golovec
(Bothe) 51.28; 3 G Yozotis (Gre) 52.04; 4 Non
Yun-ho (S Not) 52.56; 5 N Notheric (Yug) 52.58;
6 D Perdamo Cugrea (Col) 53.01; 7 Sing Ju Wes
(Sing) 53.60; 8 J. Bocanegra Schell (Gust)
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Neet 3:1 S Ashamin (Vangassam) 51.07; 2 G
Linether (Suhnam) 51.82; 3 A U (Hr) 51.84;
4 J Issza Chu (Pan) 51.86; 5 O Tsvelkovsky
(Uzhal) 52.39; 6 S Minueldes (Cry) 52.65; 7
M Cambricus (Mol) 53.18; 8 Huang Chib-yung
(Rol) 53.47;
Heat 4:1 S Brian (Jam) 50.38; 2 I Sei (Est)
51.12; 3 J Benandes (Sp) 51.20; 4 F Delgado (Equ) 51.38; 5 Zhao Lifery (China) 51.70; 6
M Rayer (Troa) 51.76; 7 K Vanomen (Fra)
52.00; 8 T Zinhom (Eg) 52.16.
Heat 5: 1 R Busgers (Hr) 49.61; 2 B
Koncortis (Po) 50.18; 3 O Ruddiesch (Bela)
50.42; 4 A Vegers (Gozal) 50.49; 5 N Guson (Fr) 50.71; 6 B Dedekind (SN 50.93; 7 E
AcCartly (Mr) 50.98; 8 S In Uspan) 51.29.
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ot S Wiesinger (Ger) 15-6. Semi-l Sheritov (RLs) bt D Touys (Fri 15-14; S P. (Rus) bt J Remements (Huri) 15-7.

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# Americans aim drug allegation at Smith

Two days after becoming Ireland's first swimming gold medallist, Michelle Smith found herself involved in a massive confrontation with the United States team yesterday. Not only did they want her excluded from the 400 metres freestyle, but the quadruple gold medallist Janet Evans said also that questions were being asked about whether her rival is on

The argument broke out after Smith was included in yesterday's heats despite failing to set a qualifying time by the cut-off date on 15 July. The Americans were furious, but their anger intensified when Evans missed out on a place in the final by one position. The fact that Smith had qualified for the final - in effect taking the home girl's place - with the secondfastest time did not ease the sit-

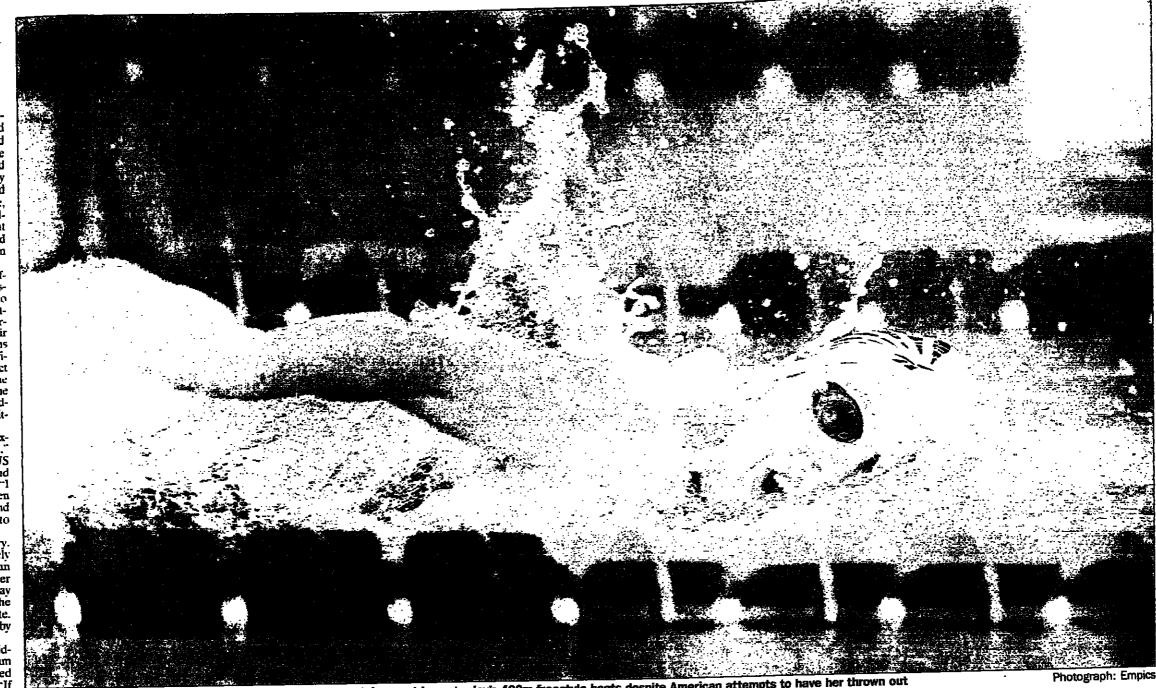
"It's another disgusting example of politics in sport." Mark Schubert, the US women's assistant coach and Evans' personal mentor, said. "1 can think of many times when we had kids get hurt or sick, and we were never allowed to

change. Evans was equally angry.
"The decision is absolutely wrong, she said. "You can take two views on this: either you play by the rules or you say the Olympics is the place the best athletes should compete. Me? I feel you should play by

Toid that Smith had considcred it unfair that the US team has tried to have her ejected from the event. she added: "If she had qualified for the Games like everyone else did she wouldn't have thought it was fair she was allowed to race ei-

A comparison was made between Smith, who won the 400m individual medley on Saturday with a time that was 19 seconds faster than her time in Barcelona four years previously, and the Chinese, who are frequently under the suspicion of taking artificial stimulants.

"Are you asking me if she's on drugs?" Evans replied. "Any time someone has a dramatic improvement there's that question. If you're asking me if



Michelle Smith, who has denied accusations of drug abuse, takes part in yesterday's 400m freestyle heats despite American attempts to have her thrown out

there's the accusation out there then the answer is yes."

The Irish reaction was one of indignation. Pat Hickey, president of the Irish Olympic Committee, said: "They are jealous that a little country like Ireland took a gold medal off them. The Americans are doing all they can to get Michelle Smith

thrown out.
"I think it's scandalous behaviour. It is clear that it was an Olympic organisational mistake but they [the Americans]

wouldn't accept that. "As for the suggestion she is on drugs. I have no doubt that

Michelle is clean. I'm astounded by the accusation."

Dermot Sherlock, general secretary of the Irish Olympic Committee, said the Americans, having failed to have Smith excluded, were trying to switch attention to drugs.
"It's disgraceful of them. I

come from a country that has very strong libel and slander laws and you cannot accuse someone unless you have the evidence. Until it's there you are wide open to legal action. She has been tested a least half a dozen times already this year in

nied the allegations. "I've been tested three times in training already this year," she said a month before the Olympics. "I must be the most tested athlete in Ireland."

To gauge the Americans' anger yesterday it is necessary to understand where Evans stands among their sporting deities. Behind Mark Spitz, certainly, but not so far as you would notice.

She is the all-American girl that all America wants to win in Atlanta, and such is her standing she was the natural choice the IOC ruled otherwise. Over- calculated," Evans, who also

Approaching a group of smartly attired young volunteers outside

the nockey stadium at Clark University on Sunday an irate

reporter registered his con-

tempt for the administration of

Atlanta 1996. "You'll be able to tell your grandchildren about

the worst-organised Olympics," he declared loudly.

With 250,000 regular com-

muters added to the crowds

tions were full by 5.30am.

time for last Friday's opening

ceremony athletes abandoned

buses and completed the jour-

ney on foot. The USA-

Nicaragua baseball game had to be delayed because buses were

not ready to transport the play-

ers. Fearful of not making their

start times, Britain's rowers,

Steve Redgrave and Matthew

Pinsent, have pulled rank, com-

mandeering one of the cars al-

I've ever known," said Red-

grave, who along with Pinsent,

the coxless fours crew - Rupert

The worst-organised event

located to BOA officials.

Smith has emphatically de- to carry the torch up the steps to the waiting Muhammad Ali at the opening ceremony. A path was being lit to where she would win at least another gold to push her alongside the speed skater Bonnie Blair as the American woman with the

heaviest gilt edge. Then Smith intruded on the scene with her devastating win in the medley. Fine, the Amernew heroine had not clocked a fast enough time in the freestyle to reign on Evans parade. That is what they believed;

turning a decision by Fina. swimming's governing body. the IOC accepted there had been a mix-up over the dates that had originated in Atlanta and allowed Smith's 4min 08.86sec recorded after 15 July to stand.

Evans, the world record holder, had expected to be among the medallists, at least, but she had a dreadful swim, trailing in icans thought, but Ireland's behind Claudia Poll, the winner of the 200m freestyle the previous evening, clocking only 4:13.60. That was 0.02sec too slow to make the final. "I mis-

swims in the 800m, admitted. "I thought 4:13 would be good

enough. the arguments. Amid Britain's Sarah Hardcastle was in the heat between Evans and Smith but in a different world in terms of speed. Nevertheless her 4:14.50 was the fastest she has swum over the distance in a morning and it encouraged her for her best event, the 800m tomorrow.

"It was a good time for me and Hayley Lewis, who is one of the big threats in the 800, didn't perform that well," she said. "If I can step up the endurance work over the next few

days I'll be fine. Asked about the mood in the British camp after a less than scintillating start to the Games, she said. "Generally it's really good. OK, we haven't won any medals but there have been a few personal bests and you can't really ask any more from

people."

Certainly not from James Hickman, who reached the final of the 200m butterfly beating the world record holder. Russia's Denis Pankratov, while setting a British record of

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24 Crusty baronet accepted one as a low singer (8) 25 Unstinting fun I'm spending one bit of mon-

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Ken Jones experiences the daily frustrations of the 'worst-organised' Games as host city wilts in the heat

Groans and gridlock as

and Jonny Searle - were yes-terday relocated near Lake Lanier. "Mr Redgrave did not hesitate to inform us of his disspokesman for the Atlanta Or-

heading downtown for 17 ganising Committee, said. events at 11 venues yesterday Atlanta braced itself for 10 Graffiti in the main press centre is a wail of frustration days of chaos. Gridlocked Barcelona, We Miss You. Everystreets and the subway system one, it seems, has a tale of woe. under such pressure that pas-sengers were advised to allow missing or broken-down buses and wild blunders in navigation. two or three hours to reach their destinations. A police spokesman reported "ab-solutely horrendous" traffic. Parking lots at outlying sta-On Sunday, one of many drivers recruited from other states gave up after discovering that her route to the rowing course at Lake Lanier involved travelling along a main highway. "It fright-Simply getting there is the biggest problem in Atlanta. In order to make their marching

ens me." she said. Stubbornly, deaf to a mounting clamour of complaint from athletes, team officials and journalists, the International Olympic Committee has insisted that the situation is not unusual. "At present, transportation and technology are our top priorities," Michele Verdier, of the IOC. said, "but the problems are quite normal compared with previous Games.

This is errant nonsense. Nobody remembers a time when so many difficulties were put in the way of competitors and journalists. In the most advanced society on earth computers fail to

Obholzer, Tim Foster, Greg provide information. The three-

man wire services relaying results to thousands of newspapers world wide through high-speed lines for which they have each pleasure." Bob Brennan, a paid \$10,000 (£6,450) have been entering them by hand. "We are working like 20 years ago, Michel Henault of the Agence France-Presse said. "We received nothing on the computers from wrestling and

weightlifting."
Acog claims to have identified the problem but cannot guarantee to bring about an improvement. "They weren't admitting to a problem but now they realise they have a big problem," an IOC member, Alex Gilady, said.

Attempting to play down the matter. Bob Brennan said: "Tm told that many of the technology problems are rapidly being resolved." However, things came to a head vesterday when Acog came under fire from the IOC which is clearly embarrassed by a worsening situation.

Anger is understandable. Dick Palmer, the secretary of the British Olympic Association and team chief, yesterday said: "The problems of the transport system have been taken up at the highest level, involving the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, Billy Payne, presi-

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dent of the organising commit-tee, and Bill Campbell, the mayor of Atlanta. The organisers are wrestling with the problems of transport schedulng, drivers who are unfamiliar with the venues and the poor quality of the buses."

It is already clear that Acog miscalculated seriously when addressing the task it took on with a successful bid for the Olympics, learning little, it seems from the Games of Barcelona and Seoul.

AD Frazier, No 2 in Acog, said it would take a little time to get the transport system working, "It's rather like a dinosaur: its head makes a decision and 10 minutes later the tail wags."

That the Games have become too big is beyond question. Despite the smiling faces, the goodwill conveyed by local inhabitants is cheapened here by profiteering and tatty vend-ing outlets. Nerves become frayed. Will the buses ever come? Fenced-off streets, growling cops.

Speciators leaving the boxing arena on Sunday were logjammed on an intersection controlled by US Air Force sergeants. Flooding into oncoming traffic they were reprimanded by an off-duty police officer. Pouring out of trains at the Peachtree Centre subway station, passengers were confronted by lifeless escalators and a steep 300-step climb to the street. Does nothing work in this town?" an Australian complained.

Maybe soon but not yet.

## Players rehydrate using drip



Dextrose saline drips were giv en to Great Britain's hockey captain, Jason Laslett, and his fellow midfield player Russell Garcia at half-time on Sunday to combat dehydration during their 2-2 draw with Korea.

Although the temperature for Britain's game, which started at 5.30pm, did not reach the 90s of earlier in the day, it was the high humidity that caused the havoc. The players were offered the drip at the interval when it was established that they . ] had lost three and four kilos each during the first half.

With the British Olympic doctor, the team doctor, Ian Beasley, and orthopaedic consultant Richard Dodds in the dressing-room at the interval. there was no shortage of specialist medical expertise as the players were given the drip, the needles being inserted while they were lying on the dressingroom benches.

Significantly, when weighed at the end of the game, Garcia's loss had been reduced to two kilos, with Laslett having only lost half a kilo.

David Whittle, the team manager, confirmed that apart from a few bruises, the squad had no injury problems, but that the offer of a drip would be made to all the players during the interval of their game today against the Netherlands.



